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SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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SECTION 11

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 5-11-64

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: REVEREND MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
 APPEARANCE ON "FACE THE NATION"
 SUNDAY, MAY 10, 1964,
 12:30 P.M., CHANNEL 9, WTOP-TV

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Captioned individual is President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and was interviewed by a panel of reporters on captioned program.

REFERENCES TO THE DIRECTOR:

King was asked about communist infiltration of the Negro civil rights movement. He said that to him infiltration implied that a large number of communists would be found in leadership positions or on a policy-making level. This is not the case in the civil rights movement.

He went on to say that communism is not freedom but rather is totalitarian in nature. Consequently, communism is incompatible with the civil rights movement. He said that if there were communists in the movement, he would like to know so he could get rid of them. He admitted that there may be one or two individuals who drift into Negro organizations but they are certainly not holding down jobs of leadership.

He was asked about the Director's recently released statement to the effect that some communists were participating in the movement. He said again that this was not true and that it was "unfortunate that such a great man as J. Edgar Hoover" would "aid rightists" by such a statement. He said he would hope rather that the FBI would come out with a statement to the effect that it was amazing that so few Negroes, in view of the treatment they have received, have turned to communism.

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He said that the Justice Department had informed him concerning only one communist known to be participating in King's organization and King said that when given this information he promptly expelled this man from the organization.

1 - Mr. DeLoach
 1 - Mr. Rosen

1 - Mr. Sullivan
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RE: REVEREND MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

OTHER COMMENTS:

He indicated that Negro organizations still plan demonstrations in Alabama to "expose the hypocrisy of Governor Wallace" and that other demonstrations will occur elsewhere whether or not current civil rights legislation passes Congress. He explained that even with the passage of the pending bill, it will still be necessary to enforce these new laws and he felt that demonstrations would be necessary to insure this.

He expressed surprise that some Justice Department officials and Senators had indicated they were no longer going to maintain the strong positions they had taken on civil rights legislation just a few weeks ago and that they now appeared ready to compromise and agree to "crippling proposals" being advanced by Senator Dirksen.

He said that if the Presidential election was held today, President Johnson would carry the South with few exceptions. He said there is a definite danger that the Republican Party will become the "white man's party" unless liberals within that organization assert leadership.

He hedged on previous statements attributed to him that there would be demonstrations in Washington if the civil rights bill appeared to be in trouble and he admitted that no plans had been made for such demonstrations as of this time.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. For information.

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Mr. W. C. Sullivan

May 11, 1964

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Mr. F. J. Baumgardner

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
NEGRO QUESTION
COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS
INTERNAL SECURITY - COMMUNIST

1-Mr. Belmont
1-Mr. Rosen
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1-Mr. DeLoach
1-Mr. Evans
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Martin Luther King, Jr., appeared as the guest on the 5-10-64 Columbia Broadcasting System (CBS) television program "Face the Nation." Paul Niven was moderator; panelists were Benjamin Bradley of "Newsweek" and Dan Raver. We had prior information that this program was arranged with King by Marquis Childs of CBS. Only about the last five minutes of this 1-hour program were devoted to the subject of communist influence in the racial movement. The following comments were made by King in response to questions put to him.

Niven opened this phase of the program by stating that it had been alleged that King has been slow to sever ties with the communists even after warnings to do so by the Government. King responded by stating he was glad the question was asked. He then went on to state that communism is based on things that he could never accept and that there is a provision in the constitution of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) which says that no communist can be a member. King claimed that he was very vigilant in enforcing this provision of the constitution of his organization. King claimed that there has only been one case (he did not mention the name) and in that instance asked for the resignation of the man. King acknowledged that one or two communists might "drift" into his organization but there is definitely no infiltration. When King was asked as to possible infiltration in the civil rights movement in general, he gave the same reply as he did for the SCLC by stating that a communist may drift into the movement but there is definitely no infiltration. By infiltration he explained he meant having people at a policy-making level. When one of the panelists stated that King's position is in opposition to the head of the FBI, King replied that it was unfortunate that such a great man as Mr. Hoover has led himself to make such an allegation as was done regarding communist influence in the Negro movement. He said that he had hoped the FBI would come out and say that it is amazing that so few Negroes have become communists. King was asked if the Justice Department had told him of anyone to remove from his organization that he has not followed through on. He remarked that there was only one and he removed that individual.

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RE: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
NEGRO QUESTION
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Comment:

King's obvious reference was to the "removal" of Hunter Pitts O'Dell from the SCLC. As expected, King lied about being warned of anyone else because he had been warned about Stanley Levison and has nevertheless maintained a close association with Levison. ~~OS~~

Most of the program was devoted to the general subject of civil rights and the civil rights bill pending in the Senate. The following information was developed during the questioning of King.

There will continue to be demonstrations whether or not the bill passes as its passage is only one step; there must be demonstrations to test compliance. King has not discussed the matter of demonstrations with the White House. He said he was appalled at efforts by the Government to emasculate the bill; refused to name Government officials but said they included those of the Justice Department. King has talked with Senate leaders regarding the bill but not during the past few weeks; he plans to talk to these leaders in the next few days. King claimed that he and the other principal Negro leaders have conferred and want the bill as passed by the House. They will not compromise on important sections of the bill; he feels it would be better to have no bill at all than have the important sections deleted..

King said he plans to attend both national party conventions this summer and will be active in connection with the seating of delegates. His movement may lead a march at these conventions. King believes that if the Presidential elections were held today, President Johnson would carry the South overwhelmingly. He does not intend to campaign for any candidate and does not know yet whether or not he will publicly endorse anyone. He never has in the past. He believes that the vast majority of the people are in favor of the civil rights bill. He said that there is a danger that the Republican Party may become the "white man's party" in this country. He would definitely not endorse Senator Goldwater. He plans on some "direct" action in the event the bill is watered down but has made no final decision as to the type of action. He has no plans for another march on Washington this year and stated he is not at liberty to say what type of action is to take place. He emphasized, however, that he is not saying there will be drastic civil disobedience; it will be of a nonviolent nature.

RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : The Director

DATE: 5/21/64

FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

Handwritten: N. P. Callahan

Page 10005. Senator Thurmond, (D) South Carolina, placed in the Record an editorial from the Columbia (South Carolina) Record of May 5th captioned "Communism and Dr. King." The editorial states "Both South Carolina U. S. Senators have warned of the subversive influence in the civil rights movement. - - - 'Northern papers in the past have ridiculed such charges coming from myself and other members of the Senate Internal Security Committee, but now FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover has issued strong testimony backing up our charges.'" The editorial quotes from Mr. Hoover's testimony before the House Appropriations Subcommittee.

The Senate continued consideration of H. R. 7152, proposed Civil Rights Act of 1963. Pending at recess was question of adoption of modified Mansfield-Dirksen substitute for Talmadge amendment, providing for trial by jury in any criminal contempt case.

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SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186

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To: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-116)

Date: 5/5/64

From: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-519144)

Subject: CP, USA - NEGRO QUESTION
COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS
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conference held at Stanford University 4/23-24/64.

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COMMUNIST PARTY, USA - NEGRO QUESTION
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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

The "Stanford Daily" in its issue of April 7, 1964, Columns 5-7, carries an article entitled "Rights Conference Slated; King, Forman Will Attend." The article states that MARTIN LUTHER KING will be the featured speaker in an All-Western States civil rights conference to be held at Stanford University on April 23-26, 1964, under the auspices of the "Stanford Council of Federated Organizations Secretariat."

The article stated that KING's address will launch a 4-day program of speakers and seminars in which Stanford students and faculty members and delegates from over 100 schools in the Western United States will participate.

It states that a number of other top civil rights leaders have also been invited and have indicated interest in attending the conference although their commitments are not yet certain. Those invited include JOHN LEWIS, National Chairman, Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), JAMES FORMAN, Executive Secretary of SNCC, JAMES FARMER, Executive Secretary of Congress Of Racial Equality (CORE), and ROBERT MOSES, Director of Council of Federated Organizations (COFO) activities in Mississippi.

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COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

The Western States Civil Rights Conference was to begin April 23, 1964, at 3:00 p.m. with an address by MARTIN LUTHER KING. Following KING's address there would be a panel discussion by professors and civil rights leaders to discuss KING's speech. The panel would consist of WILLIAM MC CORD of the Sociology Department, Stanford; ROBERT MAC ATEE BROWN, Professor of Religion; GERALD GUNTHER, Stanford Law School, and ROBERT MOSES, Executive Secretary of COFO and Director of the Mississippi Summer project; TERRY FRANCOIS, attorney and former President of the NAACP.

The conference was to be continued on the afternoon of April 24, 1964, with a speech by RICHARD WASSERSTROM on the subject of Civil Rights and the Law. WASSERSTROM was formerly a member of the law faculty at Stanford until last year when he joined the faculty at Tuskegee Institute where he is Dean of Arts and Science. He is also identified as a former member of the Justice Department.

On the evening of April 24, 1964, ROBERT MOSES was to give a speech on commitment and direct action, and show a SNCC movie entitled "Never Turn Back."

The "Palo Alto Times," April 24, 1964, Page 1, Column 3, stated that more than 1500 persons attended the MARTIN LUTHER KING speech and that at the end of the speech KING was given a one and one-half minute standing ovation. The article stated that KING in his speech urged students to flock to Mississippi this Summer to help with Negro voter's registration drives. He said the problem of racial oppression will not be solved from within that State alone, but that it would be solved if enough pressure could be built up to force the Federal Government to act and that was what would happen if more students would go to that State and show the nation that Mississippi is being unjust. He said that the students would be participating in a sort of "domestic peace corps" to make the dream of our founding fathers a reality. He said that justice has no meaning

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as far as the power structure in Mississippi is concerned, that they wanted to keep the Negro in slavery and at the bottom of the economic ladder.

"The Palo Alto Times," April 25, 1964, Page 3, Columns 1-3, carried an article concerning the speech by ROBERT MOSES and reflects the following information:

MOSES said that if the organizations participating in the Mississippi project were successful this Summer, it might change the whole conception around the nation as to how it is possible to get at those problems (racial discrimination). He identified the organizations participating as COFO, which includes most of the major civil rights groups, the NAACP, CORE, SNCC, and MARTIN LUTHER KING's SCLC.

MOSES said that unless a mechanism for political change can be found, violence will erupt, but he predicted that if violence does come most of it will originate not from Negroes in the South, but from Negroes in Northern cities.

MOSES was the final speaker in what the article said was only a 2-day Western States civil rights conference on the Stanford campus. The conference was aimed, according to the article, primarily at laying plans for student participation in the "Project Mississippi" voter registration drive this Summer.

The "Stanford Daily," Page 1, Columns 6-7, commented concerning RICHARD WASSERSTON's speech by stating that he spoke on the subject of "Separate But Unequal" and that he based his speech upon his experience in Alabama. He used a hypothetical community in the Deep South and built his speech around it. WASSERSTON stated that the most blatant form of discrimination in voter registration comes when Negroes are threatened with personal injury or loss of employment should they attempt to register. He attacked Southern society as totalitarian.

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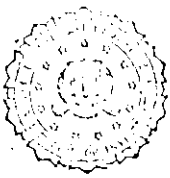
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The article commented concerning COFO Chairman ROBERT MOSES' speech and said that this individual described a move that would be made in Atlantic City, New Jersey, this Summer to challenge the seatings of the Mississippi delegation to the Democratic National Convention. He said this challenge would be made on the basis that because of discrimination in voter registration the delegates do not really represent the people of Mississippi.

The "Stanford Daily," April 28, 1964, Page 1, Column 7, urged that all applications for "Project Mississippi" be in the Associated Students Union Office by 5:00 p.m., Friday, May 1, 1964. It said that acceptance for this project and assignment to date would come from Jackson and that these assignments would be expedited if a character recommendation letter is attached from a Stanford professor or a clergyman. The article also said that students must be available for a minimum of three weeks work over the summer and that an orientation and training center would be conducted by the National Council of Churches at Berea, Kentucky, beginning June 15, 1964.

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This letterhead memorandum has been classified "Secret" because it contains information from [REDACTED] This source has furnished highly sensitive information with respect to the racial situation in the New York area and the Communist infiltration thereof, and it is felt that this classification is necessary in order not to jeopardize the valuable position of the informant in furnishing information of this nature.

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Re: Communist Party, United States
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A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on May 2, 1964, that Martin Luther King, Jr., was in contact with Clarence Jones on that date. King related that he had a speech to make on May 28, 1964, in New York, N.Y., celebrating the 25th anniversary of the Legal Defense and Educational Fund, a division of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). King said he did not know what to speak on, therefore, would like for Jones and Wachtel (Harry) to prepare something for him. Jones assented, adding that he would go together with Wachtel and prepare a speech of about twenty or twenty five minutes in length.

According to the source, King and Jones talked about the Civil Rights Bill now being considered in the United States Senate. King said "we" are in a wait and see status at the present time, and would have to wait until Wednesday (May 6, 1964) before making any decision. He said, however, that it was definite that "we" need some type of action program but he was undecided as to whether it should be in Washington, D.C. or whether "we" should go back into the communities in the South and conduct a strong program of action.

King said he also wondered if "we" should move back into St. Augustine, Florida, because the Federal Government was spending a lot of money there. He said "we" could apply pressure in view of this, but said he would wait and see what transpires before making a move. (apparently referring to what action the Senate takes on the bill)

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Re: Communist Party, United States
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Clarence Jones is the General Counsel
of the Gandhi Society For Human Rights, 15
East 40th Street, New York City.

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Executive Order 10450.

Harry H. Wachtel is the Executive Vice-President
of the Gandhi Society For Human Rights, 15
East 40th Street, New York City. He resides
at 29 Split Rock Drive, Kings Point, Long
Island, New York.

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Re: Communist Party, United States
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NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications" revised and published as of December 1, 1961, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D. C. contains the following concerning the National Lawyers Guild:

National Lawyers Guild

- "1. Cited as a Communist front.
(Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1311 on the CIO Political Action Committee, March 29, 1944, p. 149.)
- "2. Cited as a Communist front which 'is the foremost legal bulwark of the Communist Party, its front organizations, and controlled unions' and which 'since its inception has never failed to rally to the legal defense of the Communist Party and individual members thereof, including known espionage agents.'
(Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 3123 on the National Lawyers Guild, September 21, 1950, originally released September 17, 1950.)
- "3. 'To defend the cases of Communist lawbreakers, fronts have been devised making special appeals in behalf of civil liberties and reaching out far beyond the confines of the Communist Party itself. Among these organizations are the * * * National Lawyers Guild. When the Communist Party itself is under fire these offer a bulwark of protection.'
(Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for American S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, p. 91.)

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(U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

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V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)
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EP
Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Honorable Sir:


Thank you very much for your nice letter and most interesting printed matter. I would greatly appreciate receiving further copies of The Intelligence Report for 1963 if more are available.

Within a week after my mailing the correspondence to Sweden I received a reply from King Gustaf VI, informing me that the donor of the Peace Prize is the STORTINGETS NOBEL-KOMMITTE in Oslo. So I immediately wrote to them enclosing a newspaper copy featuring a picture of Martin Luther King, Jr. at a Communist conference at a school in the South, as well as the very valuable material you sent me. As yet I have received no reply.

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We are most fortunate to have you protecting this grand country, and when you feel you can no longer continue in your present post I beseech you to insist that you choose your successor.

In a small way I try to awaken sleeping people to the danger of the devilish conspiracy which now plans the takeover of the whole world. We appreciate the most incalculable value of your work over these many years to protect our lives and freedom.

Very truly yours,


Santa Barbara, California.

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Domestic Intelligence Division

INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 4-30-64

This concerns a meeting to take place 5-9-64 of individuals active in the civil rights movement. Some, such as King, have communist connections while others are not known to have communist connections. We are advising the Civil Rights Division of the Department concerning this meeting. We will follow this matter closely and attempt to secure information growing out of the meeting relative to the communist influence in racial matters.

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Date: 4/29/64

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Via AIRTEL REGISTERED

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-116)
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-151548)
SUBJECT: CPUSA - NEGRO QUESTION
COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS
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On 4/28/64, [REDACTED] furnished information which indicated that CLARENCE JONES contacted RUBY (possibly RUBY DEE, the entertainer) on that date. He told her about a conference which is to be held at JUANITA's (pho) house on 5/9/64, and he mentioned that the people who are to attend are MARTIN LUTHER KING, A. PHILIP RANDOLPH (President of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters and a Vice-President of the AFL-CIO), DOROTHY HEIGHT (pho), SIDNEY (POITIER, the actor), JAMES FARMER (National

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Director of the Congress of Racial Equality), ROY (WILKINS, Executive Secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People), HARRY (WACHTEL), WHITNEY YOUNG, (Executive Director of the Urban League), GRACE KILLENS, JOHN KILLENS, JIMMY BOGGS (pho), LORRAINE (possibly LORRAINE HANSBERRY, the author), RUBY, ANN (ANN JONES, the wife of CLARENCE JONES), and himself. RUBY said that she might have DOLORES HARVEY (pho) draw up the proposals. RUBY stated she does not want to write any letters because of the "confidential matter of the meeting." They discussed the possibility of having BAYARD (RUSTIN) at the meeting. She stated that ROY (WILKINS) and FARMER do not want him there, and JONES replied that KING and PHIL (RANDOLPH) would like him to attend. It was agreed by RUBY and JONES that they meet prior to the scheduled meeting to discuss the agenda.

It is to be noted that this meeting being held on 5/9/64 could have come about as a result of a request which was made in the recent past by A. PHILIP RANDOLPH to have civil rights leaders get together for discussions.

No letterhead memorandum is being submitted by the NYO at this time in view of the fact that the nature of the meeting is not known. NY will be alert for any additional information concerning this matter.

Any information from [REDACTED] should be classified "Secret" in view of the sensitive position which the source has with respect to the racial situation in the NY area and the Communist infiltration thereof.

The NYO does not know the identity of JUANITA and is in possession of no information concerning her residence. The NYO will be alert for any information in regard to JUANITA.

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LEDANON, PENNSYLVANIA

May 5, 1964

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Dept. of Justice
Washington, D. C. 20535

Dear Mr. Hoover,

Thank you kindly for your expression of
appreciation of April 30 for my letter of April
24 and its enclosures.

Thanks also to your Secretary, Helen Gandy,
for sending me the three enclosures.

As you know, I sent a copy of my April 24
letter to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and received
the enclosed letter from Dr. King's Special Assist-
ant, Harry Boyte. Why do these people love lies
so much?

Most sincerely yours in Christ

cc-Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. (please pass to Mr.
Harry Boyte)

Others interested

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SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

April 28, 1964

[REDACTED]
Lebanon, Penna.

Dear [REDACTED]

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Thank you very much for your recent letter addressed to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. You may be assured that letters such as yours are always welcomed.

However, I trust you will understand when I explain that Dr. King's mail is of such proportions that it has become impossible for him to respond personally to each letter. He has, however, requested that his deep appreciation be extended to you for the thoughts expressed in your communication.

Meantime, we express on behalf of Dr. King the pleasure and encouragement he received from your indication of support in the struggle for freedom for all Americans.

Yours sincerely,

HARRY BOYTE
Special Assistant
To The President

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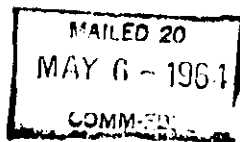
Dear [REDACTED]

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I have received your letter of May 1st and want you to know how much I appreciate your thoughtfulness in advising me of your confidence in the FBI and my administration of it. My associates and I hope our efforts will continue to merit your support and approbation.

Enclosed is a copy of my Appropriation Testimony. You may be interested in my comments beginning on page 40 and also in my statements beginning on page 5 of the enclosed copy of a speech I delivered last December.

Sincerely yours,



J. Edgar Hoover

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I was appalled to read in the paper on Friday, April 24th, that the Reverend Martin Luther King Jr. had accused you of helping southern racists and right wing extremists smear the Civil Rights movement with communist charges. It is hard to believe that a man who has dedicated his entire life to help insure law and order in our nation can be so criticized. I just want you to know that my respect for you and your efforts throughout your years of service has never dwindled, and I am sure the same holds true for the majority of thinking people in the United States. Keep up the good work. We must constantly make the American people aware of the Communist menace in schools, churches, literature, the arts, radio, TV, the press, and organizations such as that led by Reverend King. No one is immune to Communist infiltration, and Americans must be made to realize this as often as possible.

Most sincerely,

[Redacted Signature]

Miami 36, Florida

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Las Vegas, Nevada

Dear [REDACTED]

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Your letter of April 27th, with enclosure, has been received.

With respect to your inquiries, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only.

With regard to Kari Prussion, he assisted this Bureau by furnishing information on subversive activities from November, 1949, to July, 1958, during which time he was compensated; however, he was not a Special Agent. His personal ventures and his opinions and comments are strictly his own and the FBI is not in a position to comment on these in any way whatsoever.

Enclosed is some literature which I trust will be of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Enclosures (4)
Let's Fight Communism Sanely!
4/1/61 LEB Introduction
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"Faith in Freedom"

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Handwritten signatures and initials.

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Las Vegas, Nevada
April 27, 1964

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Dear Sir:

Subject: Doctor Martin Luther King

On Sunday, April 26, 1964, Martin Luther King spoke at the Las Vegas Convention Center.

Previous to his speaking, a pamphlet was distributed throughout the city. A copy of this pamphlet is enclosed in this letter. If possible would you please evaluate this and send me your evaluation..

Also, if possible, would you send me any other information concerning Rev. Martin King of which is available..

Thank You Very Much..

Respectively yours,

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[Redacted Signature]

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AFFIDAVIT

I, Karl Prussion, a former counterspy for the Federal Bureau of Investigation from 1947 to 1960, do hereby swear under oath and under penalty of perjury, that from the years 1954 through 1958, I attended five county committee meetings of the Communist Party of Santa Clara County, California. (A county committee meeting of the Communist Party consists of one delegate representing each Communist cell in a county.) The meetings were held during the aforementioned period in the following locations:

The residence of Robert Lindsay, Communist, in San Jose, California, 1954; the residence of Mary Field, Communist section chairman, Palo Alto, California, 1955; the residence of Isobel and Helen Gerney, both Communists, Menlo Park, California, 1956; the residence of Gertrude Adler, Communist, Palo Alto, California, 1957; the residence of Karl Prussion, counterspy for the F.B.I., Los Altos, California, 1958; the residence of Myra White, Communist, Mountain View, California, 1959.

I state that at each and every meeting
of the

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Karl
Prussion



FBI Counter Spy For 22 Years Tells Inside Story

"Martin Luther King is a member of more Communist-front organizations than any Communist in the United States", declared Karl Prussion, who was a counterspy for the FBI for twenty-two years in the ranks of the Communists in a speech in Augusta recently.

Prussion also declared that Martin Luther King belongs to at least sixty Communist-front organizations.

This was all emphasized in an editorial which was broadcast on WRDW radio station in Augusta on Monday, April 29, 1963.

WRDW Radio Station

The WRDW radio editorial follows:

Is Martin Luther King a Communist?

This was the question posed to Mr. Karl Prussion, counterspy for the FBI for twenty-two years in the Communist ranks.

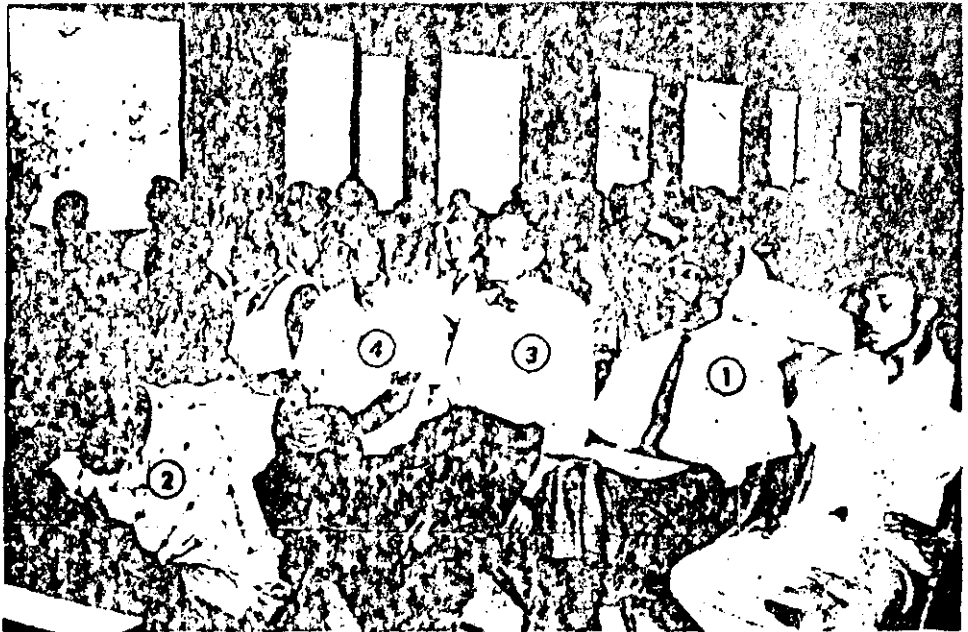
Mr. Prussion's answer, "Martin Luther King is a member of more Communist-front organizations than any Communist in the United States. Martin Luther King belongs to sixty Communist-front organizations."

There are those who scoff at the idea that the Communist conspiracy has any

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THE AUGUSTA COURIER, JULY 4, 1963

MARTIN LUTHER KING... AT COMMUNIST TRAINING SCHOOL



The above picture was made by an employee of the State of Georgia, at the Highlander Folk School in Monteagle, Tennessee during the Labor Day week-end of 1957. The photographer was sent to the Highlander Folk School by the Georgia Commission on Education. The Highlander Folk School was abolished by an act of the Legislature of the State of Tennessee at a later date because it was charged with being a subversive organization.

Those numbered in the picture are:

1. Martin Luther King, Jr., of the Montgomery boycott and the Birmingham riots. Karl Prussion, a counterspy for the FBI for twenty-two years, charges that Martin Luther King belongs to sixty Communist-front organizations — more than any Communist in the United States. He is promoted and encouraged by the Kennedys.
2. Abner W. Berry of the Central Committee of the Communist Party.
3. Aubrey Williams, President of the Southern Conference Education Fund, Inc., The Transmission Belt in the South for the Communist Party.
4. Myles Horton, Director of Highlander Folk School for Communist Training, Monteagle, Tennessee.

These "Four Horsemen" of racial agitation have brought tension, disturbance, strife and violence in their advancement of the Communist doctrine of "racial nationalism."

COMMENT

It is reached that we

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Lebanon, Pennsylvania

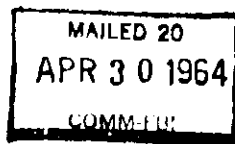
Dear

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Mr. Hoover received your letter of April 24th,
with enclosures, and asked me to express his appreciation
for your furnishing this data to him.

Enclosed is literature it is hoped will be of
interest to you.

Sincerely yours,



Helen W. Gandy
Secretary

Enclosures (3)
Counterintelligence Activities
Keys to Freedom
Faith in Freedom

NOTE: The Bureau received one prior communication from correspond
in 1957 which was acknowledged by a letter from the Director on
10-11-57. In 1960, Senator Cannon sent the Bureau a copy of his letter
to this correspondent asking correspondent to remove Cannon's name
from his mailing list. Cannon noted he had been besieged with letters
from correspondent expressing a most vicious appeal in the interest
of hate and bigotry. An in-absence reply is being sent to avoid
encouraging additional correspondence.

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LEBANON, PENNSYLVANIA

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April 24, 1964

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
F.B.I.
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover,

We were interested to read in this morning's Phila. Inquirer the following headline: "Dr. King Assails J. Edgar Hoover". The first paragraph says: Dr. Martin Luther King accused J. Edgar Hoover on Thursday of helping Southern racists and right-wing extremists "smear" the civil rights movement with Communist charges.

We are enclosing herewith copies of our recent exchange with Dr. King, and leave it up to you to decide whether he is the Lord's servant or a disciple of Satan. You decide if there is any truth in him.

Most sincerely yours in Christ,

[REDACTED]
Lebanon, Penna.

cc - Dr. Martin Luther King
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LEBANON, PENNSYLVANIA

January 1, 1964

Editor, TIME
TIME & LIFE Building
New York City

"designed to save" (?)

Gentlemen:

We hugely enjoyed TIME'S effort to sell its Man of the Year, Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., as a Christian. (TIME, Jan. 3, 1964).

Your whole article shows so clearly Rev. King's preoccupation with the matter of rights, and yet, is it not true that the only right the Christian has is the right to be undyingly grateful to our Heavenly Father for His all-encompassing love, which led Him to send His only begotten Son to die for sinners?

The most important thing about every man is his believability. In a predominantly non-Christian nation, Rev. King's believability will rank quite high, because he does understand how to impose the will of the controlling minorities upon paralytic white Protestants, and he is not afraid to get white Protestants into line.

However, what would happen to Rev. King's believability, if this nation were suddenly to turn to Christ and seek the Spirit of Truth? Would the Lord's people get anything but a laugh out of Rev. King's attempt to describe his movement as one "designed to save the soul of a nation"?

Surely, TIME, you and Rev. King must take us for a pack of fools.

In His service, [REDACTED]

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cc - Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.
Others interested

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January 16, 1964

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Dear [REDACTED]

Please accept my deep appreciation for your kind letter in reference to my being chosen by TIME magazine as its Man of the Year. It was very thoughtful of you to take the time to write to me in this connection, and I am deeply grateful for this expression of support.

I was pleased that TIME considered me for this traditional honor and was willing to make liberal use of its pages in an assessment of the Negro's constant struggle for full equality and human dignity. However, I must say that I sincerely feel that this particular recognition is not an honor to be enjoyed by me personally, but rather a tribute to the entire civil rights struggle and the millions of gallant people all over the nation who are working so untiringly to bring the American dream into reality.

The fact that TIME took such cognizance of the social revolution in which we are engaged is an indication that the conscience of America has been reached and that the old order which has embraced bigotry and discrimination must now yield to what we know to be right and just.

May I say thank you again, and my best wishes to you in 1964.

Sincerely yours,

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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ENCLOSURE

January 21, 1964

Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., President
Southern Christian Leadership Conference
334 Auburn Ave., N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Brother King,

Your heartwarming letter of January 16, commenting upon my Jan. 1 letter to TIME, is indeed genuinely appreciated.

Your letter shows your continued preoccupation with the matter of rights, but is it not true that the only right our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ had, was the right to come down and shed His blood and give His life that our sins might be washed white as then snow? He never claimed it as a right; He just did it. Is it not true, therefore, that the only right the Christian has, is the right to be undyingly grateful to our Heavenly Father for His all-encompassing love, which led Him to send His only begotten Son to die for sinners?

When you speak to me about "what we know to be right and just", are you motivated by the Holy Spirit, or by the conviction shared by all of the controlling minorities, namely, that the tired old paralytic white Protestant is so poorly grounded in his faith, that he is no longer able to discern truth from falsehood, nor try the spirits whether they are of God?

It is my hope and prayer that I may some day be able to meet you, and I would consider it a great privilege to be used of the Lord to lead you to a saving knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

In His service

Lebanon, Pa.

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RE: BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.
(U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)
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COMMUNIST PARTY - USA
NEGRO QUESTION
COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS
INTERNAL SECURITY - COMMUNIST

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ON 4/17/99

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[redacted] furnished information concerning a conversation between Stanley Levison and Clarence Jones the night of 4/24/64 relating to Martin Luther King's press release of 4/23/64 attacking the Director's budget testimony on communist influence in racial matters. The conversation was in extremely guarded language as a result of which our analysis of its true meaning must necessarily be very speculative. We are able to make these speculations only because of our prior knowledge of what the King camp intended doing. My memoranda to you 4/21, 23, 24/64 informed of advice given to King by Levison and Jones that King must not remain silent after the 4/15/64 Joseph Alsop article expressing King's communist connections. King instructed an associate, Walter Fauntroy, to see Burke Marshall on 4/22/64 concerning the matter. Then, after the 4/21/64 release of the Director's budget testimony, the King camp decided on a public response by King in the form of a press release which would attack both the Director's testimony and the Alsop article.

The Levison-Jones conversation 4/24/64 contained the following: Jones said that King's release on both the article and Hoover's statement is being widely publicized in Californian newspapers. Levison commented that Hoover did not directly relate to the article. Jones said, "No, but statement was a broad statement." (Apparently relating to King's release). Levison asked if statement was a disavowal of connections (apparent reference to King's communist connections). Jones said, "Yes... and placing the issue within the context of the movement, particularly as relates to unsolved bombings, etc." (It is noted that King's release ends with a criticism of the Bureau's alleged failures in bombing investigations). Levison and Jones agreed that King's release was a real head-on attack.

Levison asked if King had talked to anybody and Jones answered, "Through a representative." (This could well refer to Fauntroy acting for King). Levison asked the result and Jones replied, "That discussion felt it was important to make a statement.... just as we had indicated."

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earlier, that the failure to do anything was devastating." Levison asked if any hostility was encountered and Jones said, "No." (Apparently meaning that Marshall was friendly to Fauntroy if such contact actually took place). Levison next noted that the "Alsop" article indicated that the Administration is disappointed in King and Levison inquired, "What is the Administration from which the disappointment emanates?" Jones replied, "After an explanation was given for the reasons for the limited contact during the transition period, it was apparently accepted in good faith." (This expression by Jones dovetails with our earlier information that Fauntroy was to tell Marshall that there had been some limited King-Levison contacts but only relating to a transition period of the New York office of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference).

Levison asked concerning the contact made by a King emissary, "Was it a high enough level to feel that both the acceptance of the Fauntroy explanation and the recommendation that he say something?" Jones replied, "At previous levels," to which Levison said, "This sounds good... I'm glad," and that now they were not in the position of being guilty by silence.

OBSERVATIONS:

It is obvious that the above-reported conversation is extremely guarded to the point of being unclear to an outsider. However, we can speculate that Jones and Levison are referring either to some person high in the Administration not known to us at this moment or to Burke Marshall who is known to us as being involved in the King matter. Whoever it was apparently agreed with the idea of King's press release. We will remain particularly alert through our sources covering the key individuals for any information which will positively establish the identity of the person to whom Jones and Levison alluded.

RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

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SA IMMEDIATE PERSONAL ATTENTION ASSISTANT DIRECTOR W. C. SULLIVAN, COMMUNIST PARTY, USA - NEGRO QUESTION, COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS, IS - C; MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., S - C.

RE SAN FRANCISCO TEL THIS DATE.

AT 10 A.M. PRESS CONFERENCE, HOTEL SENATOR, SACRAMENTO ATTENDED BY THREE LOCAL TV STATION REPRESENTATIVES AND APPROXIMATELY TEN NEWS MEN. QUESTION WAS ASKED OF KING WOULD HE ELABORATE ON DIRECTOR HOOVER'S STATEMENT REGARDING INFILTRATION OF COMMUNISTS INTO CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT. KING SAID HE THINKS IT UNFORTUNATE THAT HOOVER MADE THAT STATEMENT. HE THINKS DR. HOOVER SHOULD HAVE SAID THAT COMMUNIST PARTY HAS NOT BEEN ABLE TO INFILTRATE CIVIL RIGHTS LEADERSHIP.

QUESTION ASKED IF THE HARD CORE OF CIVIL RIGHTS LEADERSHIP COMMUNIST MOTIVATED. KING REPLIED IT IS NOT COMMUNIST LED, INSPIRED OR INFILTRATED.

QUESTION ASKED IS DR. KING SYMPATHETIC WITH COMMUNIST PARTY. KING REPLIED THAT HE IS NOT INFLUENCED BY COMMUNIST PARTY AT ALL AND DOES NOT AGREE WITH THEIR PRINCIPLES. HE IS A CHRISTIAN. ASKED ABOUT SHOP - INS IN SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA. KING REPLIED THAT HE BELIEVES AT TIMES IT IS NECESSARY, BUT FIRST STEP IS NEGOTIATION. QUESTION ASKED ON HIS AGREEMENT WITH STALL - INS TO WHICH HE REPLIED THAT WHILE HE CONDONES CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE HE DOES NOT CONDONE DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY TO QUESTION REGARDING MUSLIM MOVEMENT, KING REPLIED THAT

MR. BELMONT FOR THE DIRECTOR

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HE DOES NOT AGREE WITH IT, BUT THAT IF CIVIL RIGHTS BILL DOES NOT PASS THERE WILL PROBABLY BE MORE VIOLENCE IN CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT AND MORE PERSONS MAY JOIN THE MUSLIM TYPE OF ORGANIZATION. HE SAID THAT THE FBI HAS STATED THAT THERE ARE ONLY 100,000 BLACK MUSLIMS. HE DOES NOT THINK THERE WILL BE MORE GAINS UNLESS CIVIL RIGHTS BILL FAILS.

FINAL QUESTION WAS AGAIN IN REGARD TO CHARGE OF COMMUNIST PARTY IN NEGRO MOVEMENT, WOULD IT BE NECESSARY TO PURGE COMMUNISTS FROM CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT. KING ANSWERED THAT IF THEY KNOW ABOUT COMMUNISTS IN THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE THEY ARE REMOVED, BUT SINCE THEY ARE NOT AN INVESTIGATIVE AGENCY THEY MAY NOT KNOW ABOUT THEM.

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CC-MR. SULLIVAN

RE:

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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The "Stanford Daily" in its issue of 4/7/64, columns 5-7, carries an article entitled "Rights Conference Slated; King, Forman Will Attend." The article states that MARTIN LUTHER KING will be the featured speaker in an all-Western States civil rights conference to be held at Stanford University on 4/23-26/64 under the auspices of the "Stanford Council of Federated Organizations Secretariat."

The article stated that KING's address will launch a 4-day program of speakers and seminars in which Stanford students and faculty members and delegates from over 100 schools in the Western United States will participate.

It states that a number of other top civil rights leaders have also been invited and have indicated interest in attending the conference although their commitments are not yet certain. Those invited include JOHN LEWIS, National Chairman, Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), JAMES FORMAN, Executive Secretary of SNCC, JAMES FARMER, Executive Secretary of CORE, and ROBERT MOSES, Director of Council of Federated Organizations (COFO) activities in Mississippi.

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The article states that the purpose of the conference is to provide information on all aspects of the civil rights issue in America--historical background, legal issues, special problems in both North and South, and channels for direct action in the civil rights movement. Discussions at the conference are to be organized under the two main headings. One set of seminars to be led by Stanford and other universities will concentrate on academic and legal questions. The other set will be led by COFO field workers who will lead discussions on conditions in the South, methods of civil rights action, raising of funds and organization of campus centers for effective channeling of student interest.

The article states that "the focus" in the action seminars will be this Summer's "Mississippi project" which is described as a massive peace corps-type operation in which students, teachers, legal advisors, and various specialists will staff a wide range of programs that include voters registration, schools, community centers, and special projects.

The article states that COFO includes all the major civil rights organizations in the country and names them as the NAACP, CORE, SNCC, and SCLC (Southern Christian Leadership Conference).

This matter will be followed by the San Francisco Office and any information of interest developed will be forwarded to the Bureau and Atlanta.

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TO : MR. BELMONT

DATE: 4/23/64

FROM : W. C. Sullivan

cc Mr. Belmont
Mr. DeLoach
Mr. Sullivan

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING

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I received a call at 5:25 p.m. from the San Francisco Office to advise that Dr. Martin Luther King ~~ma~~, as predicted, issued his written statement to the press. It caused a great deal of interest and undoubtedly it will be mentioned tonite around the country on radio & TV.

King mentioned the Director by name and, in substance, put him in the category of southern politicians and racists who are opposing the Bill of Rights. He indicated that the Director, if nothing more, would be used by these people for maintaining segregation, all because the Director made what King regards as being a false statement charging communist infiltration and influence in the civil rights and negro movement.

King challenged the Director that if he had any real evidence, to come forth with it. He went on to say that the leaders of the Negro movement have tried consistently to keep communists out of policy-forming areas and positions of leadership.

King quoted the AG against the Director, to the effect that it is to be expected that communists will try to infiltrate civil rights movements, but they had not succeeded in making the expected impact.

King, at the end, repeated his challenge to the Director to come forth with evidence to support his charge.

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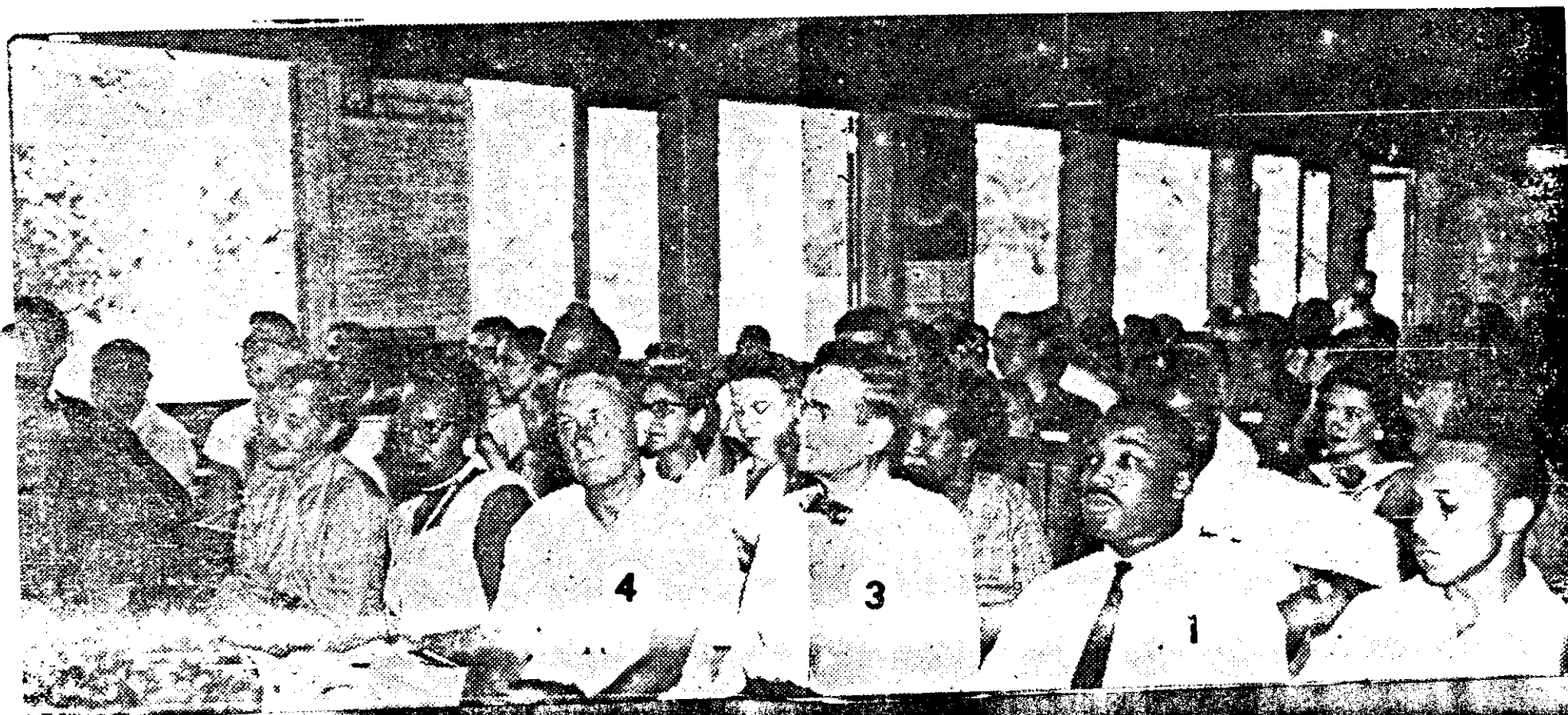
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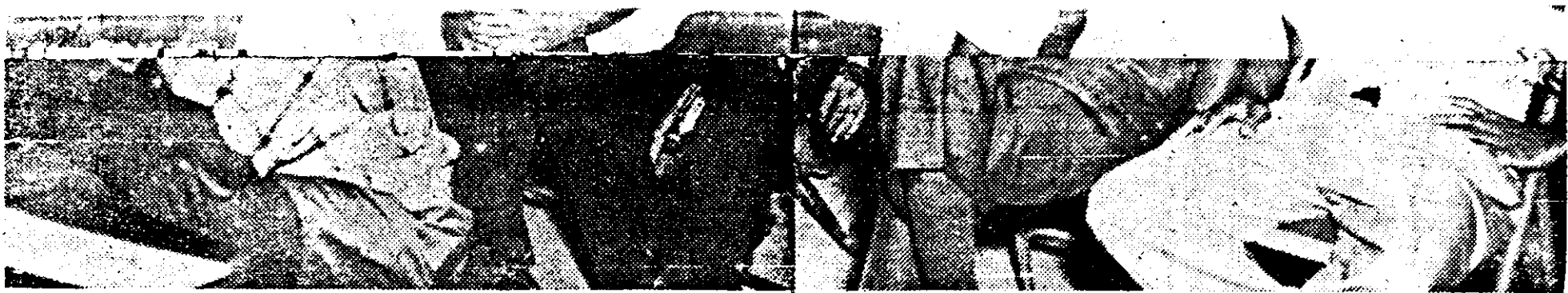
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MARTIN LUTHER KING... AT COMMUNIST TRAINING SCHOOL





The above picture was made by an employee of the State of Georgia, at the Highlander Folk School in Monteagle, Tennessee, during the Labor Day week-end of 1957. The photographer was sent to the Highlander Folk School by the Georgia Commission on Education. The Highlander Folk School was abolished by an Act of the Legislature of the State of Tennessee at a later date because it was charged with being a subversive organization.

Those numbered in the picture are:

1. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
2. ABNER W. BERRY, a member of the General Committee of the Communist Party.
3. AUBREY WILLIAMS, President of the Southern Conference Education Fund, Inc., a fellow-traveling organization, and,
4. MYLES HORTON, director of the Highlander Folk School for Communist training, Monteagle, Tennessee.

Karl Prussion, a former F.B.I. counterspy, has this to say about Martin Luther King, Jr.:

"... I further do solemnly swear and attest that. . . one Rev. Martin Luther King was always set forth as the individual to whom Communists should look and rally around in the Communist struggle on the many racial issues.

"... I hereby also state that Martin Luther King has either been a member of, or wittingly has accepted support from Communist fronts, individuals, and/or organizations which give aid to or espouse Communist causes, numbering over 60."

Martin Luther King, Jr., promises us more and greater violent demonstrations during the coming summer and he says that they are coming whether the "evil rights" bill is passed by the Congress or not. It is only through violence and strife that Martin Luther King can gather from the suckers of the Nation around a million dollars a year to finance his activities.

JOIN THE AUGUSTA COURIER IN THE FIGHT FOR FREEDOM

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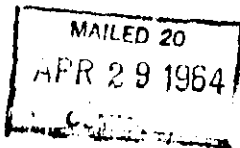
Dear [REDACTED]

I have received your letter of April 24th, with enclosure, and want to thank you for your expression of confidence in this Bureau. It is hoped that our future endeavors will continue to merit your support and approval.

It was indeed thoughtful of you to bring your views to my attention, and I am enclosing literature which I trust will be of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



Enclosures (5)

Let's Fight Communism Sanely!
"Faith in Freedom"

Counterintelligence Activities
Communism--The Incredible Swindle
One Nation's Response to Communism

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover; -

The enclosed will show
this man King is not what he makes people believe
is, and with his employing this man Rustin, who
served time for moral offence and one for re-
serve in the U.S. Army, as his right hand man
knowing this man's record, shows that the saying
of a feather, flock together, is not all wrong.

It is too bad that more people
do not know of his record, as I feel that the rank
and file of the colored people do not wish to be
called with such people.

Best wishes for your organ-
ization to expose these Communist minded people, and
the real leaders of the Communist Party in the
good Old U.S.A.

Yours truly,

Mr. Tolson _____
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SUBJECT: MORTON STAVIS, aka.

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Enclosed herewith for the Bureau is the original and ten copies of a letterhead memorandum containing information pertaining to captioned individual, a Security Index subject of the Newark Office.

Enclosed for the information of the New York and Atlanta Offices are four and one copies, respectively, inasmuch as the letterhead memorandum contains information of interest to these offices.

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Newark was not able to effect coverage of STAVIS' speech, but will be alert for any public source information relating to the speech.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Newark, New Jersey

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[REDACTED] the following
bulletin which appeared on a bulletin board in the lobby of
the Newark, New Jersey, branch of Seton Hall University on
April 20, 1964:

"The Student Liberal Alliance

Presents

MORTIN STAVIS

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-Personal Attorney for
Dr. Martin Luther King

-Prominent Civil Rights' and
Civil Liberties Lawyer

-Member of American Civil
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TOPIC

SECURITY, LOYALTY OATHS, AND

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TUESDAY NIGHT

April 21 at 8. P.M.

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Seton Hall, So. Orange

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Emergency Civil Liberties Committee
(ECLC) material which as of July 10, 1963,
listed Morton Stavis as a member of the

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Executive Committee of the National Council
of the ECLC.

A characterization of the ECLC appears in the
appendix hereto.

Morton Stavis invoked the Fifth
Amendment before the House Un-American
Activities Committee on February 28,
1956, when asked questions concerning
past or present Communist Party membership

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EMERGENCY CIVIL LIBERTIES COMMITTEE

The EMERGENCY CIVIL LIBERTIES COMMITTEE (ECLC) has been described by the House Committee on Un-American Activities in the "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised January 2, 1957, as follows:

"To defend the cases of communist lawbreakers, fronts have been devised making special appeals in behalf of civil liberties and reaching out far beyond the confines of the Communist Party itself. Among these organizations are the *** Emergency Civil Liberties Committee. When the Communist Party itself is under fire these fronts offer a bulwark of protection."

(Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, p. 91)

On June 12, 1961, a source advised that the New Jersey Advisory Committee was formed as a New Jersey counterpart of the New York ECLC in 1955 in Newark, New Jersey. The organization was organized under the direction of the ECLC and later became the New Jersey Division of the ECLC (NJDECLC). The NJDECLC looks to the ECLC for publications and literature on civil liberties and related causes and has, over the years of its existence, looked to the parent New York ECLC for leadership and for furnishing speakers at NJDECLC functions in New Jersey.

This source advised on December 13, 1961, that while there is literature being received from the ECLC at 421 Seventh Avenue, New York City, by members of the NJDECLC, there is no known activity at present or in the planning stage for the near future on the part of the NJDECLC. There is no formal headquarters for the NJDECLC, nor has there been in the past and all activities, if any in the past, of the organization have been handled by the officers and members from their homes.

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APPENDIX



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Newark, New Jersey

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Memorandum dated and captioned
as above at Newark, New Jersey

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities
are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable
information in the past.

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Memorandum

TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont *MB* DATE: April 23, 1964

FROM : Mr. W. C. Sullivan *WCS*

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
NEGRO QUESTION
COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS
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I have just talked with Supervisor [REDACTED] of the San Francisco Field Office. He told me that they have just learned Martin Luther King will be flying to San Francisco from Los Angeles in a couple of hours. King has called for a large press conference at the airport and has announced that he has done this for the purpose of making statements to refute what J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the FBI, has said about communist influence in the Negro movement.

[REDACTED] pointed out that there is developing a great deal of interest in this press conference. I told [REDACTED] to be sure to have it adequately and safely covered. He said they had already made these arrangements. I also told [REDACTED] to call the Bureau and advise us immediately of what King says. He said he would do this.

[REDACTED] also said that local newspapers in San Francisco have been carrying squibs relating to the Director's testimony before the House Appropriations Committee indicating communist infiltration in the civil rights movement. This morning the "San Francisco Examiner" carried a statement that the state of California Senate Committee has asked for the full details of the Director's remarks on communist infiltration of the Negro movement. [REDACTED] went on to advise that some students at Stanford University have sponsored the appearance by Martin Luther King; that the students have told the Administrative Assistant to the President that King plans to be at a dinner tonight in which Governor Brown of California will also participate.

The Domestic Intelligence Division is preparing some material for the Director which could be helpful in the event he wishes to have King answered through friendly contacts of the Bureau.

RECOMMENDATION:

For the information of the Director.

- Mr. Belmont
- Mr. Mohr
- Mr. DeLoach
- Mr. Sullivan
- Mr. Baumgardner
- Mr. Gurley

CC - MR. TOLSON

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM SAN FRANCISCO 232358

IMMEDIATE PERSONAL ATTN: ASST. DIRECTOR W. C. SULLIVAN.

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RACIAL MATTERS, IS - C; MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., SM - C. *Call Commun*
RE SAN FRANCISCO TELCALLS TO BUREAU TODAY.

MARTIN LUTHER KING ARRIVED AT SAN FRANCISCO INTERNATIONAL AIR-
PORT AT 1:02 PM, PST, THIS DATE AND HANDED OUT A MIMEOGRAPHED PRESS
RELEASE PURPORTING TO BE A RESPONSE TO THE DIRECTOR'S STATEMENT
THAT THERE WAS SOME COMMUNIST INFILTRATION IN THE CIVIL RIGHTS
MOVEMENT. THIS HAS BEEN DICTATED VERBATIM TO THE BUREAU BY TELE-
PHONE.

FOR ABOUT 35 MINUTES AFTER ARRIVAL, KING ANSWERED QUESTIONS
FROM THE NEWS MEDIA AND SUMMARIES OF PERTINENT ANSWERS FOLLOW:

A REPORTER STATED THAT STATE SENATOR HUGH BURNS OF THE CALI-
FORNIA UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE HAD ISSUED SOME CHARGES
CONCERNING THE DEMONSTRATIONS IN THE SAN FRANCISCO AREA WHICH WERE
SIMILAR TO THOSE OF MR. HOOVER AND ASKED WHETHER DR. KING HAD ANY
COMMENTS IN REGARD THERETO. HE REPLIED THAT HE COULD NOT SPEAK TOO
MUCH ABOUT THE CALIFORNIA SITUATION BECAUSE HE WAS UNAWARE OF THE
DEVELOPMENTS, BUT OBSERVED THAT COMMUNISTS MAY DRIFT INTO THE NEGRO
RIGHTS MOVEMENT HERE AND THERE, ALTHOUGH HE DID NOT THINK THAT ANY
WERE IN POLICY-MAKING POSITIONS.

KING WAS ASKED WHETHER HE WAS FAMILIAR WITH A MEMORANDUM BY
KARL PRUSSIAN, A FORMER FBI INFORMANT, CIRCULATED BY THE JOHN BIRCH
SOCIETY ALLEGEDLY LINKING KING WITH THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT. KING
REPLIED THAT HE WAS NOT FAMILIAR WITH THE MEMORANDUM, THAT HE HAD
NOT BOTHERED TO ANSWER THESE RIDICULOUS STATEMENTS BECAUSE HIS

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VIEWS WERE SO CONTRARY TO THE VIEWS OF THE COMMUNISTS AND BECAUSE HE NEVER WORKED WITH THEM. HE ADDED THAT WHEN MR. HOOVER MADE THE CHARGES, HE FELT COMPELLED TO ANSWER.

DR. KING WAS ASKED WHETHER HIS ORGANIZATION HAD MADE ANY EFFORT OR HAD ANY METHODS OF KEEPING THE COMMUNISTS OUT. HE REPLIED THAT HE WISHED TO MAKE HIS PHILOSOPHY CLEAR IN THAT HE DID NOT WISH TO WORK WITH THE COMMUNISTS, BUT THAT HE WISHED TO POINT OUT THAT HIS ORGANIZATION HAD NO INVESTIGATIVE AGENCY TO KEEP COMMUNISTS OUT. HE STATED IF HE HEARS FROM RESPONSIBLE SOURCES THAT THERE ARE COMMUNISTS WITHIN HIS ORGANIZATION AND AFTER CONFRONTATION AND INVESTIGATION IT IS PROVED THAT THE INDIVIDUALS DO HAVE COMMUNIST LEANINGS, THEY ARE DROPPED FROM THE ORGANIZATION. HE INFERRED THAT IF MR. HOOVER HAD SUCH EVIDENCE HE SHOULD COME FORTH AND PRODUCE IT.

HE WAS ASKED WHETHER ANY PERSON HAD EVER BEEN DROPPED FROM THE ORGANIZATION BECAUSE OF COMMUNIST LEANINGS AND HE REPLIED THAT ONE INDIVIDUAL HAD BEEN DROPPED LAST YEAR WHEN AN INVESTIGATION REVEALED THAT HE HAD COMMUNIST LEANINGS IN THE PAST, ALTHOUGH HE HAD BROKEN FROM THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT.

DR. KING WAS ASKED WHETHER HE FELT MR. HOOVER WOULD MAKE A STATEMENT SUCH AS HE DID IF HE FAILED TO HAVE PROOF. DR. KING REPLIED THAT MR. HOOVER MAY HAVE PROOF, THAT SOME INDIVIDUALS WITH COMMUNIST LEANINGS MAY DRIFT INTO THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT, BUT THIS DID NOT MAKE THE MOVEMENT COMMUNIST CONTROLLED. HE OBSERVED THAT THE FACT THAT DR. DU BOIS WENT TO HARVARD CERTAINLY DID NOT MAKE HARVARD A COMMUNIST INSTITUTION BECAUSE IT TOO MAY HAVE DRIFTERS.

DR. KING WAS REMINDED THAT PRESIDENT JOHNSON HAD MADE THE OBSERVATION THAT SOME OF THE DEMONSTRATORS HE HAD SEEN WERE FANATICS

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AND THAT HE FELT SORRY FOR THEM. DR. KING REPLIED THAT HE DOES NOT KNOW WHICH DEMONSTRATORS PRESIDENT JOHNSON SAW BUT HE WAS CERTAIN SOME OF THEM WERE NOT FANATICS BUT RATHER WERE INDIVIDUALS DEDICATED TO DEMOCRACY.

KING AND WALKER ACCOMPANIED ON PLANE FROM LOS ANGELES TO SAN FRANCISCO BY NEGRO INDIVIDUAL WHO IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS REVEREND G. MANSEFIELD COLLINS FROM LOS ANGELES.

BUREAU WILL BE PROMPTLY ADVISED OF ANY INFORMATION OF INTEREST RECEIVED THROUGH DISCREET INVESTIGATION AND INSTALLATIONS AT SACRAMENTO.

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Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are 8 copies
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Source used in the LHM is [REDACTED]

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This LHM has been classified "Secret" because it contains information from [REDACTED]. This source has furnished highly sensitive information with respect to the racial situation in the NY area and the Communist infiltration thereof, and it is felt that this classification is necessary in order not to jeopardize the valuable position of the informant in furnishing information of this nature.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York

April 22, 1964

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Re: Communist Party, United States
of America
Negro Question
Communist Influence in Racial Matters
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On April 18, 1964, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that one, Martin Mayer, who identified himself as a writer for "The Saturday Evening Post", and the writer who is preparing an article on Bayard Rustin, conferred with Clarence Jones on this date. Mayer asked if he could have an interview with Reverend Martin Luther King on that date. He was instructed by Jones to call the Sheraton Atlantic Hotel and ask for the room number of Martin Luther King or Bernard Lee (assistant to Martin Luther King) or Wyatt Walker (Executive Director of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, SCLC). Mayer agreed to follow Jones' instructions.

On April 18, 1964, the same confidential source advised that Ann Jones (wife of Clarence Jones) conferred with one, Gladys (Last Name Unknown) on that date. Jones said she wanted to furnish a financial breakdown of "last night's" tribute to Martin Luther King (tribute to Martin Luther King, held on April 17, 1964, at the Fieldston School, Bronx, New York). The breakdown was as follows: \$988.00 obtained through a collection at the Fieldston School; \$500.00 was obtained from the sale of pamphlets to the audience; and \$555.00 was obtained from the dinner at Ann Kheel's home (wife of Theodore Kheel, President of Gandhi Society for Human Rights until late 1963).

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According to the source, Martin Luther King is pleased with the kind of leadership being afforded the civil rights movement in Riverdale, New York.

"The New York Herald Tribune", April 15, 1964 issue, page 28, contained an article attributed to Joseph Alsop. In the article, Alsop reports that an unhappy secret is worrying official Washington. The secret is that despite the American Communist Party's feebleness and disarray, its agents are beginning to infiltrate certain sectors of the Negro civil rights movement.

According to Alsop, the subject of the real head-shaking is the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. He said King had accepted and is almost certainly still accepting Communist collaboration and ^{even} Communist advice.

In 1962-1963, the issue of the Communists' role in the King organization was raised because of Hunter Pitts O'Dell, Alsop reports. He said O'Dell had posts in the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) until 1963, when King finally dropped him when he was warned by United States Government officials that O'Dell was "the genuine Communist article".

Official warnings have again been given to Dr. King about another, even more important associate who is known to be a key figure in the covert apparatus of the Communist Party. After the warnings, King broke off his open connection with this man, but a second-hand connection nonetheless continues, Alsop notes.

On April 19, 1964, the same source furnished information which indicated Stanley Levison contacted Clarence Jones on that date. Jones told Levison that

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"With respect to the proposal for direct communication, he (Martin Luther King) feels that is very important and he said he would call this week and ask for an appointment". Jones remarked that he (King) did not initially agree with the position that a failure to respond after an article such as this could be deemed politically unwise. Jones stated that his (King's) position was that he did not have to respond to anything which is written. Levison replied that he (King) does not understand how serious this is. Jones agreed with this and said that this was an article which reflected the line of official Washington. Continuing, Jones stated that his (King's) friends there would find it rather inexplicable that he took no affirmative action after this article. Levison agreed with this position and indicated that this was an article which challenged King.

According to Levison, the article in effect is saying "you (King) are not doing what you said you were, what you promised to (do)", and he said that there has to be an answer that there is a misunderstanding, that only a couple of pieces of evidence are being considered, and that these are being misinterpreted". Jones agreed with this position, and he indicated that some of the information was being taken out of context.

Levison inquired of Jones if this situation did not disturb him (King), and Jones replied that he (King) was immensely disturbed. Jones stated that he felt the reason for his (King's) reluctance (to do anything) is that he himself is not very clear as to what in fact his position should be. Jones indicated that to do something positive would require thinking the problem all the way through, and he said that no action at all becomes the best escape in order to avoid making a decision. Levison agreed with Jones and said that his approach to the whole question has bothered him. Levison stated that he (King)

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does not like to feel on the defensive and would, therefore, prefer to ignore the article saying that he only has to satisfy his own conscience. Levison remarked that if he were to clarify the situation, it would make it a lot easier for him. Levison indicated that by not answering the article, it confirms for any who were doubtful that he is guilty of all of the charges which were made.

The "New York World Telegram and Sun" of April 17, 1964, on page 8, contains an article captioned "Riverdale Rally to Hear Dr. King". In this article, it was stated that the Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., will address a civil rights rally sponsored by four Riverdale groups tonight at 8:30 p.m. in the Fieldston School auditorium, Manhattan College Parkway, and Fieldston School, Riverdale. King was scheduled to speak on the national strategy of the SCLC with respect to civil rights legislation, the national party conventions in Atlantic City and San Francisco and the November election.

With respect to Clarence Jones' remarks concerning the proposal for direct communication and a request for an appointment, on April 17, 1964, Clarence Jones suggested to Martin Luther King that he think about asking for an appointment with Burke Marshal (of the Justice Department) in order to discuss the article appearing in the "New York Herald Tribune".

Clarence Jones is the General Counsel for the Gandhi Society For Human Rights, 15 East 40th Street, New York City.

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Stanley Levison was a secret member of
the Communist Party, United States of
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Hunter Pitts O'Dell, who is also known as
Jack O'Dell, was formerly employed as
Administrator for the SCLC office in New
York City, but his services were terminated
after his Communist Party affiliations
had received publicity.

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The "New York Herald Tribune" issue of August 14, 1963, page 7, column 1, contains an article captioned "Thurmond Assails A Leader of March". The article stated that, in answer to charges by Senator Strom Thurmond, Bayard Rustin admitted joining the Young Communist League (YCL) in 1936. Rustin also reportedly stated that he broke completely with the YCL in June, 1941.

The YCL has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The "Daily Worker", issue of February 25, 1957, page 1, column 1, contained an article which stated that Bayard Rustin, Executive Secretary, War Resisters League, was one of eight non-communist observers at the Communist Party National Convention in 1957.

The "Daily Worker" was an East Coast Communist newspaper which suspended publication on January 13, 1958.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO: Mr. Mohr

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April 8, 1964

FROM:

C. D. DeLoach

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SUBJECT:

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
SECURITY MATTER - COMMUNIST

b7(c) [REDACTED] Mr. Baumgardner's memo to Mr. Sullivan 4/2/64 recommended that I orally brief [REDACTED] in accordance with an attached "Top Secret" summary indicating Reverend Martin Luther King's communist connections. The purpose of such action was because Reverend King had been invited to make the commencement address and receive an honorary degree from Springfield College, Springfield, Massachusetts. [REDACTED]

b7(c) I called upon [REDACTED] at 10:30 a.m., 4/7/64 in his office. At the beginning of our conversation I told [REDACTED] that my remarks should be held in the strictest of confidence. He agreed to this. I then mentioned that he had long been a supporter of the FBI's and, therefore, the Director wanted me to brief him concerning a matter of potential embarrassment to a college he obviously was very personally interested in. [REDACTED] was told that captioned individual was to receive an honorary degree and make the commencement address at Springfield College at the end of this scholastic year, June, 1964. He was advised that King for some time has been maintaining a close liaison with a number of secret members of the Communist Party. I told him that King had received guidance and counsel and had relied greatly upon one of these members. I told [REDACTED] also that King [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] I further mentioned that Reverend King, in some of his activities, [REDACTED] b7(c)

b7(c) [REDACTED] told me he was shocked to receive this information. He stated it was hardly believable. He said if it were not for the integrity of the FBI he would disbelieve such facts. I told him that our information was very obviously truthful and based upon indisputable facts.

[REDACTED] told me that while he wanted to respect our confidence, this information placed a great burden upon him. He stated he felt duty bound to tell [REDACTED] I reminded [REDACTED] that I had advised him of the above-mentioned facts in strict confidence. He then inquired if I would speak to [REDACTED] He described [REDACTED] as a very outstanding individual who could be trusted implicitly.

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1 - Mr. Belmont
- Mr. Sullivan
- Mr. Baumgardner

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Re: Martin Luther King, Jr.

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I told the [redacted] I preferred not to speak with [redacted] about this matter and that I wanted him, [redacted] to know that under no circumstances should this information be attributed to the FBI. [redacted] assured me that he would treat our information on a confidential basis; however, he might possibly have to take [redacted] into his confidence.

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I had been back in my office approximately 30 minutes when [redacted] called me. He stated that [redacted] was in his office at the time, having dropped by [redacted]. [redacted] inquired if I would see [redacted] right away. I told him that I was tied up on other matters and it would be impossible. He next inquired if I could see [redacted] at 8:00 a.m. on the morning of 4/8/64. I told [redacted] I couldn't do this inasmuch as I had a commitment to attend a breakfast meeting of a civic group. He then closed the conversation by stating [redacted] would call me and arrange an appointment. I asked [redacted] if he had disclosed the remarks made during our previous conversation [redacted]. He stated that he had inasmuch as he wanted to make it absolutely certain that Reverend King did not appear at Springfield College. I told him that under the circumstances then that I would see [redacted].

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[redacted] after making an appointment, came by my office at 4:00 p.m., 4/8/64. He opened the conversation by stating that he fully recognized the necessity to keep the information concerning King in strict confidence. He stated he wanted us to know that he would maintain this confidence and would not advise anyone of this information. He pointed out that he had been very shocked when [redacted] told him of these facts and had insisted that Reverend King be prevented from making the commencement address at Springfield College. [redacted] who impressed me as being a very sensible, intelligent individual, stated that due to the fact that he will keep this information confidential, it would be impossible [redacted] to "uninvite" King to make the appearance at Springfield College. [redacted]

[redacted] I told [redacted] at this point that any action he took in this regard was entirely up to him but that no information was to be attributed to the FBI and that we were to be kept strictly out of this matter. He stated he fully recognized this fact and no one would ever know that the FBI had given [redacted] this information. [redacted] immediate steps to prevent Reverend King from receiving an honorary degree. He said he wanted to think about the possibility of preventing King from making the address but at this step of the game he did not see how it could be done.

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[redacted] expressed a desire to shake hands with the Director some day. [redacted] the Director two invitations in the recent past to receive an honorary degree and make the commencement address at Springfield College. However,

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Re: Martin Luther King, Jr.

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the Director's schedule had caused him to not accept these invitations. I explained the Director's heavy schedule and the fact that he was reluctant to leave Washington while Congress was in session.

Upon leaving, [REDACTED] ^{b7(c)} assured me that no information would be released and none would be attributed to the FBI. I told him that we would, of course, deny any such information had been furnished. At this point he advised me that, of course, his main reason for coming to the FBI was to determine if we could suggest any course of action he might take. I told him we could suggest nothing, that any action taken was entirely up to him.

ACTION:

For record purposes.

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TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

FROM : Mr. F. J. Baumgardner

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
SECURITY MATTER - COMMUNIST

DATE: April 2, 1964

1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - Mr. Mohr
1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Bland
1 - Mr. Baumgardner
1 - Mr. Ryan

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My memorandum to you March 19, 1964, concerning the communist influence in racial matters advised that we had learned that Springfield College, Springfield, Massachusetts, and Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut, were considering the conferring upon Martin Luther King, Jr., of honorary degrees in June, 1964, but that to date no definite plans had been perfected relative to either institution. We indicated that we were initiating appropriate checks as to the availability of such established and reliable sources at these institutions which would permit the heading off of the conferring of honorary degrees to King. We indicated an intention to proceed along lines similar to that taken recently which prevented King from getting an honorary degree from Marquette University. The Director noted "OK" relative to these intentions of ours. Instant memorandum recommends that an extremely discreet contact be made with [redacted] who appears to be in a position to assist the Bureau in the matter relating to Springfield College. A separate memorandum will follow relative to Yale University.

Boston SAC Handley has advised that although the Boston Office files are negative concerning [redacted]

Handley suggested [redacted] as a possible contact is on the Special Correspondents' List and we have had limited but friendly relations with him for a number of years. He is usually written a congratulatory letter upon his re-elections.

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100-3-116 (Communist Party, USA, Negro Question, Communist Influence in Racial Matters)

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Memorandum to Mr. W. C. Sullivan
RE: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
100-106670

OBSERVATIONS:

Because of [redacted] close association with [redacted] it would not appear to be prudent to attempt to deal with him. It appears from our study that [redacted] is the most logical individual to deal with and that if he were personally approached by Assistant Director DeLoach and orally briefed, in the strictest of confidence, concerning King, he would be in a position to take the necessary action to prevent King from receiving an honorary degree from Springfield College. b7(c)

RECOMMENDATION:

If approved, DeLoach should personally orally brief [redacted] in accordance with the attached "Top Secret" summary indicating King's communist connections and [redacted] (This is the same summary we previously used in the Marquette University situation). It should be made clear to Saltonstall that the information is being given him in the strictest of confidence with the thought that he might desire to use it in preventing King from receiving an honorary degree from Springfield College and thus save that institution from embarrassment because of King's connections and character. It should be emphasized to [redacted] that under no circumstances may this information ever be attributed to the Bureau. b7(c)

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- 1 - Mr. Belmont
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- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Bland

April 2, 1964

- 1-Mr. Baumgardner
- 1-Mr. Ryan

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-51814A)

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Re San Francisco airtel to Bureau, 4/9/64.

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An established source, advised on 4/20/64, that MARTIN LUTHER KING is to be the principal speaker at what is now being billed as an All-Western States Civil Rights Conference to be held at Stanford 4/23-25/64. [REDACTED] said that it is reported that the main points of discussion at this conference will be the history of racial demonstrations and the possible role of Stanford students this summer in a 3-month program in Mississippi. He said that the students at Stanford will be attempting to register voters in Mississippi.

San Francisco will continue to follow this matter and any pertinent information will be forwarded Bureau and interested offices.

- 5 - Bureau (AM-RM)
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Re Atlanta airtel to Bureau 4/10/64.

Enclosed for the Bureau, Atlanta and New York are 12, 6 and 2 copies, respectively, of letterhead memorandum reflecting appearance of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, 4/13/64.

- ⑥ - Bureau (Enc. 12) (RM)
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Contact with military intelligence was handled
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Contact with [REDACTED] Guilford County, N.C.,
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In Reply, Please Refer to
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Charlotte, North Carolina
April 14, 1964

RE: VISIT OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
TO WINSTON-SALEM, NORTH CAROLINA,
APRIL 13, 1964

The April 12, 1964, issue of the "Journal and Sentinel", Winston-Salem, North Carolina, contained an article captioned "MARTIN LUTHER KING TALKS MONDAY". This article is as follows:

"The power of the ballot will be discussed when the Voter Registration Project Committee holds a rally at 8 p.m. Monday at the Goler Metropolitan AME Zion Church.

Guest speaker will be Dr. Martin Luther King, internationally known civil rights leader. King is president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. He is the nation's leading advocate of nonviolent protests against racial discrimination.

King first achieved prominence for his leadership of the Montgomery, Ala., bus boycott. Since then he has been involved in demonstrations all over the United States.

A Baptist minister, he is co-pastor with his father, the Rev. Martin Luther King, Sr., of the Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta, Ga.

The Winston-Salem voter registration campaign is a project co-sponsored by the local chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and the Congress of Racial Equality. Dr. F. W. Jackson and Mrs. Louise Wilson are co-chairmen of the local effort.

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"This project is seeking to add at least 5,000 people to the registration rolls of Winston-Salem and Forsyth County.

Kenneth R. Williams III, chairman of the local CORE chapter, will preside. Clarence Montgomery, president of the local NAACP, will bring remarks.

The Rev. Frederick D. Terry of the West End Baptist Church will introduce the speaker. Dr. Jerry Drayton, pastor of New Bethel Baptist Church, will give the response. The Rev. E. L. Clark of Bethlehem Baptist Church will give the invocation. Dr. David R. Hedgley of First Baptist Church will pronounce benediction.

Music will spotlight two choirs, the host Goler Cathedral Choir and the Kimberley Park Holy Church junior chorus."

On April 13, 1964, [REDACTED] Winston-Salem, North Carolina, Police Department, advised that he had been in contact with Dr. F. W. JACKSON, Negro leader, Winston-Salem, North Carolina, and determined from Dr. JACKSON that KING will arrive at Friendship Airport, Greensboro, North Carolina, via United Airlines at approximately 7:41 P.M., April 13, 1964. [REDACTED] stated that KING would be picked up at the airport and taken directly to the Goler Metropolitan AME Zion Church in Winston-Salem, where he will give a speech, reportedly urging Negroes to register and vote. [REDACTED] stated that he has been in contact with the North Carolina Highway Patrol and making arrangements for the Highway Patrol and the Winston-Salem Police Department to afford protection for KING, and possibly escort him from airport to the church. b7(c)

He further advised that he had received information from Dr. JACKSON that KING would depart Winston-Salem after his speech on the night of April 13, 1964, at about 10:40 P.M.,

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via United Airlines. He stated that it is anticipated that approximately 600 individuals will attend Dr. KING's talk, inasmuch as that is the maximum number that could get into the church. He stated that he is aware of the possible potential for violence in connection with Reverend KING's appearance in Winston-Salem, and that every precaution is being taken to see that no violence occurs.

On April 13, 1964, [REDACTED] Region II, 111th Intelligence Corps Group, Fayetteville, North Carolina, and [REDACTED] 111th Intelligence Corps Group, Charlotte, North Carolina, were advised of Reverend KING's contemplated visit to Winston-Salem, North Carolina, on that date. b7(c)

On April 13, 1964, [REDACTED], Guilford County, Greensboro, North Carolina, was advised of Reverend KING's anticipated visit to Winston-Salem, North Carolina, on that date, and that KING would be arriving and departing North Carolina at Friendship Airport near Greensboro, Guilford County, North Carolina.

On April 14, 1964, [REDACTED] advised that Reverend KING had arrived as scheduled on April 13; however, his arrival time was approximately 40 minutes later than expected. He stated that he was furnished escort from airport to Winston-Salem and return, and had departed for Atlanta, Georgia, at approximately 10:40 P.M., on the evening of April 13, 1964.

He stated that KING spoke at the Goler Metropolitan AME Zion Church before a crowd estimated by him to be approximately 600 individuals, but which was estimated by the press as approximately 1,000 individuals.

He stated that prior to KING's speech the "hat was passed" for donations, and that during the speech, Reverend KING urged everyone to register and vote and better qualify themselves for local and Federal Government positions. He encouraged them to assert themselves through registering and voting and advocated nonviolence.

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According to [REDACTED] KING stated that their goal was to have 5,000 new registrants qualified to vote in Winston-Salem and Forsyth County.

[REDACTED] stated that no problems arose during the entire evening, no violence occurred and there were no demonstrations opposing Reverend KING.

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Matter of Fact

An Unhappy Secret

By Joseph Alsop

AN UNHAPPY SECRET

is worrying official Washington. The secret is that despite the American Communist Party's feebleness and disarray, its agents are beginning to infiltrate certain sectors of the Negro civil rights movement.



The infiltration is spotty, as yet. But it is a very serious matter, none the less, that the charges of Communist influence, which have been hurled for so long by anticivil rights racists, should now be acquiring some color of truth.

The Southern Christian Leadership Conference, headed by the Rev. Martin Luther King, the Students Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, more usually called "Snick," and the Congress on Racial Equality, more usually called "CORE," are all affected in greater or less degree.

THESE, it should be noted, are all relatively new fledged outfits. The older, more experienced organizations of Negro civil rights fighters, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and the Urban League, are quite untouched.

Both the Urban League and the NAACP learned their lesson the hard way in the late '30s and early '40s, the period which was also the high water mark of Communist infiltration in the labor movement. Like the CIO, both these rights organizations and the Communist in-

after a hard but with total success, the NAACP repeat performance by Robert Wil-

liams, who had been active in the North Carolina branch. This is the man who went to Cuba after his comeuppance from the NAACP, there to become a Castro propagandist.

Of the infiltrated organizations, CORE has the least serious problem. A few Communists are reported in some of the local branches, but none are known to be in CORE at the national level.

In the case of Snick, the name, Students Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, is in itself deceptive, for the Snick leader, John Lewis, though not a Communist, quite frankly believes in quasi-insurrectionary tactics. Thus no great difference has been made in Snick's tactics, because known Communists have also begun to play a certain role in Snick.

THE SUBJECT of the real head-shaking is the Rev. Martin Luther King. His influence is very great. His original dedication to nonviolence can hardly be doubted. Yet he has accepted and is almost certainly still accepting Communist collaboration and even Communist advice.

In 1962-63, the issue of the Communists' role in the King's organization was raised because of Hunter Pitts O'Dell, commonly called Jack O'Dell. This man, a known Communist, held posts in the Southern Christian Leadership Council, first in the South and then in the New York office, until the late spring of 1963. King finally dropped him when he was warned by U.S. Government officials that O'Dell was the genuine Communist article.

Official warnings have again been given to King about another, even more important associate who is known to be a key figure in the covert apparatus of the Communist Party. After

the warnings, King broke off his open connections with this man, but a second-hand connection none the less continues. Without much doubt, this is simply a mark of the Rev. King's political innocence, but it is disturbing all the same. The King organization and King himself are clearly the prime Communist targets.

SUCH, THEN, are the facts. What ought to be made of the facts is the almost precise opposite of the kind of thing the anti-civil rights racists will say about them. For despite these facts, the Negro civil rights movement is most emphatically not "run" by Communists or "inspired" by Communists.

Instead, the newer and more inexperienced Negro civil rights organizations have at length proved vulnerable to Communist infiltration. But they have been vulnerable because the grievance for which they seek redress is so shocking, and therefore so emotionally obsessive.

Every man must bear the responsibility for his own acts. Yet in this case, a heavy burden of responsibility, a vast share of the guilt, must also be charged to the white majority, which has created the grievance by injustice to the Negro minority.

The facts cited indeed constitute a strong argument for the earliest possible passage of a strong civil rights bill, and for other measures, too, that are needed to redress the Negro grievance. These facts are further proof that time is rapidly running out. Justice must be swiftly done; or gross injustice, complacently persisted in, will breed an incurable cancer in the bottom of American society.

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COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
NEGRO QUESTION
COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS
INTERNAL SECURITY - COMMUNIST

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My memorandum to you 4-21-64 advised of instructions given by Martin Luther King to his associate Walter Fauntroy for Fauntroy to contact Burke Marshall concerning last week's article by Joseph Alsop which exposed King's communist connections. Information from [REDACTED] reveals how King's strategy to have Marshall contacted originated with Stanley Levison and Clarence Jones who is King's attorney and who serves as intermediary between King and Levison. We are recommending furnishing this information to the White House and the Attorney General.

On 4-17-64 Jones contacted Joan Daves (publisher's representative for King's new book) and mentioned that he had seen King 4-16-64 about the Alsop article. Jones related that he told King of his concern and belief that the article was written in a calculating manner. Daves voiced the same impression and opined that someone must have suggested the Alsop article as a means of making King "face up to the situation." Jones said that King had expressed concern over the effect the article would have on his forthcoming book.

Also, on 4-17-64, King contacted Jones. They discussed whether King had spoken to the press. King said he had not and wondered if he should not face it when he is questioned about it and just answer questions which are raised. Jones said he felt this was a good procedure but that if too much time elapses between the charge and answer, it might not be the most positive thing. Jones counseled King that he had given very serious thought to the problem and wanted King to consider seeing Burke Marshall because Jones does not feel it would be wise if an impression was conveyed that King did not react to the article and did nothing positive about it. Jones opined that the article is "sort of like a kind of warning from the Administration" and, therefore, may require affirmative response

Enclosures
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- 1 - Bufile 100-106670 (Martin Luther King, Jr.)
1 - Bufile 100-392452 (Stanley David Levison)
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by King. Jones outlined the purpose of a conference with Marshall as setting the record straight as to the extent of contacts by King with Levison.

King inquired of Jones as to whether he had talked to Levison. Jones said he had and that Levison felt very strongly about King's seeing Marshall. Levison also believes the situation requires affirmative response by King lest the impression is created "that you do not care, that you just want to completely dismiss it, or that you do not feel that you have any obligation to do anything about it." Jones also told King that he believes because of the history around Hunter Pitts O'Dell and "because there had been conferences with the Justice Department, they had been very concerned and they may be getting a lot of misleading information which causes them to be disturbed about you." Jones said that if any question is raised about the extent of his (King's) association with Levison, it can be explained that during a transition period of the New York office of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, it was necessary for Levison to visit Atlanta. Finally, Jones remarked that "in reading the Alsop article, it is almost as if someone in the Justice Department or in the Administration has said now we are very concerned; this is the reason we are concerned; and we would like to have this conveyed to him." Jones told King that it is essential that King do something positive.

OBSERVATIONS:

Although we did not disseminate the information that King had directed Fauntroy to see Marshall, we believe that the fact that such strategy originated with Levison and Jones should be given to the White House and the Attorney General. It once again emphasizes King's reliance on these advisors.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Attached letter to the Honorable Walter W. Jenkins, Special Assistant to the President, advising him of the pertinent information above go forward.

2. Attached letter to the Attorney General, copies to the Deputy Attorney General and Assistant Attorneys General Burke Marshall and J. Walter Yeagley advising them of the pertinent information above go forward.

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Communist Party, United States of America
Negro Question
Communist Influence in Racial Matters
Internal Security - C

On April 17, 1964, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information which indicated that Clarence Jones contacted Joan Daves (who is the publisher's representative for Martin Luther King's new book) on that date. Jones mentioned that he had seen Martin (Martin Luther King) yesterday and that he talked to him about the Alsop article (Joseph Alsop's article "Matter of Fact; An Unhappy Secret" appearing in the "New York Herald Tribune" of April 15, 1964). Jones said that he believed that King would probably be facing some questions from the press on that article this morning since he (King) is holding a news conference. Jones mentioned that King is presently in Washington, DC. Jones said "that group" (Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) Board) was scheduled to appear before the Society of Newspaper Editors and Publishers after the Board meeting of the SCLC but King could not pull himself away. Jones mentioned that he had the unhappy responsibility of telling them that King would not be there, and Jones remarked that they were very much upset about this.

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Jones said that he told King that he was very much concerned about the article in the "Tribune", and Clarence remarked that from his political knowledge that the article was written in a calculating manner. Daves indicated that she had the same impression. Daves said that someone suggested that "Alsop did this to make Martin (Martin Luther King) face up to the situation". Daves remarked that her immediate reaction is that one has various ways to force someone to do something about a situation, but one should not use a way which can be misused in such a blatant way, and she said that anyone can pick up (certain) paragraphs and that this is "damning". Jones stated that King has asked what effect this would have on his book, and Jones remarked that he told King that he did not know what effect this would have in regard to the book. Jones stated that King was upset over this.

On April 15, 1964, the "New York Herald Tribune" a New York City daily newspaper, page 28, carried a column attributed to Joseph Alsop. In it, Alsop reports that despite the American Communist Party's "feebleness and disarray, its agents are beginning to infiltrate certain sectors of the Negro civil rights movement".

Alsop notes that the subject of the real head shaking in Washington is Martin Luther King, Jr. He (King) has accepted and is almost certainly still accepting Communist collaboration and even Communist advice, Alsop states.

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Continuing, Alsop reports that in 1962-1963, the issue of the Communists' role in the King organization was raised because of Hunter Pitts O'Dell, who he said had held posts in King's organization, however, O'Dell was finally dropped when King^{was} warned by United States Government officials that he was the genuine article.

Official warnings have again been given to King about another, even more important associate who is known to be a key figure in the covert apparatus of the Communist Party. After the warnings King broke off his open connection with this man, but a second-hand connection nonetheless continues.

On April 17, 1964, the same confidential source furnished information which indicated that Martin Luther King contacted Clarence Jones on that date. Jones asked King if he had spoken to the press (about the article in the "New York Herald Tribune"), and King replied that he had not spoken to them about it. Jones indicated that this was good. King stated that he wondered if he should not face it when he is questioned about it and just answer the questions which are raised. Jones indicated that he felt this would be a good procedure. Jones stated that he felt too much time elapses between the charge and the answer it might not be the most positive thing.

Jones stated that he had given very serious thought to the problem, and he said that he wanted King to give some consideration to asking for an appointment with Burke Marshall (of the Justice Department) to talk about this matter. Jones related the reason he suggested something like this is that he does not feel it would be wise if an impression was conveyed that King did not have any reaction to this and that he did nothing positive about it.

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Jones mentioned that he feels that this article is "sort of like a kind of warning from the Administration", and he said that he thought because of this it may require some affirmative response on King's part. According to Jones, the purpose of the conference with Marshal would be to set the record straight with him as to the extent of the contacts with the individual (Stanley Levison) about whom there is some concern and the reason for it during a limited period of time. King inquired if Jones had talked to him (Levison) about it, and Jones replied that he has spoken to him. Jones stated that he had seen him and that he felt very strongly about King's seeing Burke Marshal. Jones stated that he (Levison) felt that the situation required some affirmative type response on King's part lest they feel "that you do not care, that you just want to completely dismiss it, or that you do not feel that you have any obligation to do anything about it".

Jones stated that he feels because of the history around Jack (Jack O'Dell, who is also known as Hunter Pitts O'Dell) and "because there had been conferences with the Justice Department, they had been very concerned and they may be getting a lot of misleading information which causes them to be disturbed about you." Jones said that if there is any question about the extent of "your association", then it can be said that during the transition period while Jack's responsibilities were trying to be shifted to Adele (Kanter, an employee of the SELC office in New York), it was necessary for him (Jones) to see Stanley (Levison) and that it was necessary for him to come down to Atlanta for a period of time. He stated that in the absence of an explanation he felt that it would not leave the best impression. Jones

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also remarked that "in reading the Alsop article it is almost as if someone in the Justice Department or in the Administration had said now we are very concerned; this is the reason we are concerned; and we would like to have this conveyed to him." Jones stated that it is essential that King do something positive.

King stated that he will be in New York City on the evening of April 17, 1964, and will stay at the Sheraton-Atlantic Hotel, 34th Street and Broadway. He stated that he will be in Riverdale later in the evening and will also put in an appearance at the home of Ann Kheel.

On the evening of April 17, 1964, King was scheduled to appear at a civil rights meeting being held at the Fieldston School, Riverdale, Bronx, New York. The affair, which is for fund raising is being sponsored by MARK (Marblehill, Riverdale, and Kingsbridge for Civil Rights), The Committee for Defense of Human Rights, The Congress of Racial Equality (Core), and the Committee on Intergroup Relations. A reception was planned for King at the home of Theodore W. Kheel, who was formerly the President of the Gandhi Society for Human Rights until his resignation in late 1963.

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Stanley Levison was a secret member of
the Communist Party, United States of
America.

Hunter Pitts O'Dell was formerly employed
as Administrator for the SCLC Office in
New York, but his services were terminated
after his Communist Party affiliations had
received publicity.

Clarence Jones is the General Counsel for
the Gandhi Society for Human Rights, 15
East 40th Street, New York City.

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SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)
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 FROM ATLANTA 202135

CP, USA, NEGRO QUESTION, COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS, IS-C. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR, SM-C.

RE ATLANTA AIRTELS TO BUREAU AND INTERESTED OFFICES DATED MARCH 23, APRIL 6 AND APRIL 17 LAST, WHICH CONCERNED THE WESTERN TRIP OF MARTIN LUTHER KING JR AND WYATT T. WALKER BEGINNING APRIL 21, 1964.

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BY LIAISON

Honorable Walter W. Jenkins
Special Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

1 - Mr. Baumgardner
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Dear Mr. Jenkins:

Confidential informants who have furnished reliable information in the past have furnished the following information relating to Martin Luther King's reaction to an article by Joseph Alsop exposing King's communist connections which appeared in the "Washington Post" and the "New York Herald Tribune" on April 15, 1964.

On April 19, 1964, Stanley Levison contacted Clarence Jones at which time Jones told Levison that King did not initially agree with the position that a failure to respond to the Alsop article could be deemed politically unwise. Jones stated that it was King's position that King did not have to respond to everything which is written. Levison replied that King does not understand how serious the matter is. Jones agreed with Levison and said that the article reflected the line of official Washington and that King's friends in Washington would find it rather inexplicable that King took no affirmative action after the article. Levison agreed and indicated that the article challenged King.

Levison also told Jones that the article in effect says that King is not doing what he said he would and, therefore, there must be an answer by King indicating that there is a misunderstanding, that only a couple pieces of evidence are being considered, and that these are being misinterpreted. Jones agreed with this position and said that some of the information was being taken out of context.

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Levison inquired of Jones as to whether the situation is disturbing to King, and Jones replied that King is immensely disturbed. Jones said that he felt that the reason for King's reluctance to do anything is that King, himself, is not very clear as to what his position should be. According to Jones, it would require thinking the problem all the way through and that no action at all becomes the best escape for King, in King's mind, in order to avoid making a decision. Levison agreed with Jones and said that King's approach to the whole question has bothered him. Levison said that King does not like to feel on the defensive and, therefore, prefers to ignore the article saying he only has to satisfy his own conscience. Levison remarked that if King were to clarify the situation, it would make it a lot easier for him, but that by not answering the article, it confirms for any who are doubtful that King is guilty of all the charges made.

On April 23, 1964, Jones contacted King and they discussed a statement which was to be released by King later that day. King said that the statement would deal with "the Hoover statement" which was in apparent reference to a news release of April 21, 1964, concerning my testimony before a United States House of Representatives Appropriations Subcommittee on January 29, 1964. Jones stated he believed King was wise in issuing a statement at this time as many people are questioning the workings of the civil rights movement in light of activities on April 22, 1964, and also because of my testimony. The reference to the April 22, 1964, activities is apparently to the demonstrations which took place at the World's Fair in New York City on that day. Jones said that King's statement was a good one as "we" worked on it last night after the telephone conversation. He did not indicate whom the "we" referred to. King agreed that the statement is excellent and will serve its purpose.

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This information is being furnished to other interested officials of the Government.

Sincerely yours,

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Honorable Walter W. Jenkins

NOTE:

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This information is being furnished to the Honorable Walter W. Jenkins, Special Assistant to the President.

- 1 - The Deputy Attorney General
- 1 - Mr. Burke Marshall,
Assistant Attorney General
- 1 - Mr. J. Walter Yeagley
Assistant Attorney General

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SAC, San Francisco (100-51914 A)

April 24, 1964

Director, FBI (100-3-116)

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Reurairtels April 9 and 20, 1964, captioned as
above as well as "Martin Luther King, Jr., SM-C."

The April 9, 1964, airtel reported in detail
on an article in the "Stanford Daily" of April 7, 1964,
concerning a Civil Rights Conference which was to be held
at Stanford University April 23-26, 1964, which was to be
addressed by King as well as other leaders in the Negro
movement. One of the items mentioned in the article
concerned the "Mississippi project."

The April 20, 1964, airtel indicated that one of
the main points of discussion at the Conference will be the
possible role of Stanford students this Summer in a three-
month program in Mississippi. This will be in connection
with having Stanford students assist in voter registration
in Mississippi.

Immediately upon conclusion of the Conference at
Stanford, furnish the Bureau a letterhead memorandum suitable
for dissemination containing all available information
relative to the Conference and particularly the aspect
relating to the student participation in Mississippi voter
registration. Include pertinent information contained in
the referenced airtels. Activities of the Conference are
likely to be written up in the press; therefore, avoid open
investigation although it will be permissible to utilize
information available from established reliable sources.
Submit the letterhead memorandum under an appropriate caption
and make reference to instant communication. Designate a
copy for Bureau file 100-3-116 relating to the communist
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-116)
(Immediate Personal Attention
Assistant Director W. C. SULLIVAN)

FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-51914A)

RE: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA - NEGRO QUESTION
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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
SM - C

Re San Francisco telephone calls and teletype 4/23/64.

There are enclosed herewith three copies of mimeographed handout made by Subject at the San Francisco International Airport upon his arrival at 1:02 p.m., 4/23/64.

The inked corrections in the handout were made prior to the time it was distributed, apparently by the KING party.

This has been dictated in its entirety to the Bureau by telephone on 4/23/64.

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NEWS from:

SCLC (Southern Christian Leadership Conference)
West Coast Bureau, 2400 South Western Avenue
Los Angeles, California - 731-2456

STATEMENT OF THE REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR, PRESIDENT SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE, ATLANTA, GEORGIA, IN RESPONSE TO MR. J. EDGAR HOOVER'S CHARGE THAT COMMUNIST HAD INFILTRATED THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT.

It is very unfortunate that Mr. J. Edgar Hoover in his claim of alleged communist infiltration in the civil rights movement, has allowed himself to aid and abet the fallacious claims of Southern racists and the extreme right-wing elements. I hope this is not a reflection of a tragic drift toward the ~~renaissance~~ ^{basile} of McCarthyism that so terribly blighted the life and health of our nation. The more significant truth is the amazing lack of success that communism has met in attracting the Negro, who legitimately might ^{basile} be tempted to turn to some other discipline to gain respite from his desperate plight.

The issue of communist infiltration in the civil rights movement is not new. I have dealt with it time and time again. In fact, one had good reason to believe it was given a decent burial when Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy answered Senator Maroney's inquiry to the F.B.I. on this question last summer.

"It is natural and inevitable that Communist have made efforts to infiltrate the civil rights groups and to exploit the current racial situation. In view of the real injustices that exist and the resentments against them, these efforts have been remarkably unsuccessful."

From my own experience in the civil rights movement, this observation by the head of the Justice Department is indeed true, and it should be paid heed by those who periodically raise this issue.

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One may ask, "Why is this dead issue being resurrected at this time? Why is this issue being used now to smear and attack the civil rights movement and the SCLC?" We in the SCLC adhere to our policy; we do not accept in leadership or authoritative places or at staff levels, membership or the advice of communists. We consider such membership incompatible with our credo and philosophy. Our struggle each day is to achieve the American Dream, a concept which is alien to those who espouse the cause of the Communist party.

We challenge all who raise the "Red" issue--whether they be newspaper columnist or the head of the F.B.I. himself--to come forward and provide real evidence which contradicts this stand of SCLC. We are confident that this cannot be done.

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We ~~at~~ the SCLC must be judged by our record. I stand fully and forthrightly behind the action taken by myself and my ten years of civil rights activity and of the SCLC which *have been* I am privileged to lead since its inception in 1957. No action, no deed, no statement, requires repudiation as being inconsistent with our struggle to achieve an America free of discrimination, through non-violent persuasion and direct action.

We will continue to be vigilant against communist infiltration, but we also serve notice that we will continue to resolutely wage the struggle for the full emancipation of the Negro. We will not allow ourselves to be diverted. We will not allow Eastland, Barnett, or the George Wallace's to use the "Red" issue to block our efforts to split our ranks or confuse our supporters. This resolution we make ever mindful that every effort is being made by the racists and the Birchites to sow dissension and confusion to bring about the defeat of the pending civil rights legislation.

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We affirm that SCLC is unalterably opposed to guided philosophy of communism. It is based on an ethical relativism, of metaphysical, materialism and crippling totalitarianism and the denial of human freedom which we could never accept.

It is difficult to accept the word of the F.B.I. on communist infiltration in the civil rights movement when they have been so completely ineffectual in resolving the continued mayhem and brutality inflicted upon the Negro in the deep south. It would be encouraging to us if Mr. Hoover and the F.B.I. would be as diligent in apprehending those responsible for bombing churches and killing little children, as they are in seeking out alleged communist infiltration, in the civil rights movement.

For further information: Call West Coast Bureau of SCLC, 731-2456
Thomas C. Kilgore, Director

FBI

Date: 4/17/64

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, CINCINNATI (157-210)

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING
RACIAL MATTERS

Re Cincinnati teletype to Bureau, 4/15/64.

Enclosed herewith are the original and seven copies of a LHM dated and captioned as above for the Bureau. Two copies each of the LHM are enclosed for Atlanta and WFO.

Two copies of the LHM are being disseminated locally to the U.S. Secret Service, Cincinnati, Ohio.

No further investigation is being conducted by the Cincinnati Division.

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In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Cincinnati, Ohio
April 17, 1964

RE: MARTIN LUTHER KING

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[REDACTED] furnished information to the Dayton Resident Agency of the FBI that [REDACTED], a parolee under supervision of his office had reported that date to his office and while in his office furnished the following information:

While he, [REDACTED] was walking [REDACTED] in Dayton, at about 9:30 PM, [REDACTED] he walked by a vehicle and heard someone call his name. He walked back to this car, which was a 1961 Chrysler New Yorker, four door Sedan, black, with Illinois license plates, numbers not obtained. The vehicle was occupied by a white man he recognized as being [REDACTED] under whom he, [REDACTED] served in Korea. This person's last name was recalled as [REDACTED] but first name not recalled. The second individual, a Negro and driver of the Chrysler, was recognized to be a member of the same company in Korea, but of a different platoon. His name was not recalled, [REDACTED]

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The driver asked him [REDACTED] if he were interested in making some money. [REDACTED] asked who they were and they reminded him they were former Army acquaintances. He got in the back seat of the Chrysler and rode with these two men to a place where they parked [REDACTED] west of Dayton. Enroute to that location they informed him they knew he was on parole, knew his current activities and the names of his girl friends. After arriving at the place, they parked, the Negro acquaintance reminded him, [REDACTED] of statements he, [REDACTED] had made against the U.S. while he was in confinement in Korea, both before and after receiving a sentence of 10 years in General Courts Martial in

██████████ He was tried at that time on charges of assaulting a non-commissioned officer, AWOL, threatening a commissioned officer and disobeying an indirect order. At that time he, ██████████ was bitter because of the courts martial and felt he was being prejudiced and the action would not have been taken if he had not been a Negro. Comments he recalled making included statements that he had been taught to kill and he could be of great value to the Russian KGB. During the period he was very outspoken in his criticism of the U.S. and everyone in his company would have known about these statements, which he feels is the reason these two former military acquaintances in Korea contacted him at this time.

According to ██████████ these acquaintances again asked him if he was still interested in making large sums of money and he replied that it depended upon what he had to do. ██████████ then stated, "We are trying to unite Negroes to give up passive resistance and start violence." ██████████ also commented that since the death of Medger Evers had caused a more militant attitude among the Negroes, the death of Martin Luther King would cause a new and more militant flare of violence and a closer unity among the Negroes. At this point ██████████ offered to give him, ██████████ \$25,000 if he would accept a "contract" to kill Martin Luther King, and in addition offered him political asylum in any Satellite country. ██████████ asked for time to think the proposition over and requested advice as to where to contact them. They told him that he was not to contact them, but they would contact him, ██████████. They did not furnish ██████████ a time for next contact, nor did they indicate their residence, employment or other information that might lead to their present whereabouts. These acquaintances did not disclose any details of the plot or how the money would be paid or the source of the money. From his association with these acquaintances during military service he could not recall any information as to their residence addresses, families or employment in the U.S.

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██████████ was interviewed at the Dayton Resident Agency of the FBI on April 15, 1964, and furnished the same information as to the alleged contact as that received from ██████████. In this interview, ██████████ suggested that in the event he were again contacted by these same acquaintances or others in this matter that it would be helpful if the FBI could persuade his parole officer to relax the parole restrictions presently on him.

to allow him "more freedom of movement." [REDACTED] commented that he believed these persons contacting him felt they could trust him to carry out any request they might make. [REDACTED] also commented that the Chrysler driven by these individuals was equipped with hi-fi record player located under the dash and a telephone in the glove compartment. He said he observed a gold dancing monkey figurine fastened on the dash, which he believed to probably be an aerial as he did not observe an aerial attached to the outside of the vehicle although the car was equipped with a radio. b7c

[REDACTED] furnished the following descriptions of these former acquaintances:

[REDACTED] white male, about 43 years of age, 6'1" tall, 190 pounds, [REDACTED] b7c

Name unknown, Negro male, age about 34, 5'9" to 10" tall, 200 pounds, dark complexion, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] stated that while serving the sentence imposed by the General Courts Martial he was afforded treatment at the [REDACTED], for a psychiatric condition he described as "paranoidal schizophrenia, with homicidal tendencies." He stated that after this treatment he was transferred to the [REDACTED] where he on several occasions became violent and injured personnel before he could be subdued and calmed with tranquilizer injections. He stated he still has this tendency toward violence if he is "pressed" by anyone. b7c

of Parole Officer [REDACTED] concerning [REDACTED]

"This parolee is a person with little or no regard for parole supervision, as well as person with no initiative and motivation toward employment. It would appear to this officer that this individual is out to get something for nothing and enjoys the role of living a parasitic sort of life." The file also shows "At one time he [REDACTED] was diagnosed as having acute psychotic mental disorder. Fourteen months ago (prior to September 12, 1963), he was pronounced cured." b7c

[REDACTED] stated that his office records show [REDACTED] was incarcerated at [REDACTED] primarily for psychiatric diagnosis and therapy, and at one time was diagnosed as having acute psychotic mental disorder. Also that [REDACTED] has furnished false information to his parole officer on numerous occasions, has little or no regard for parole rules or supervision and rebels against authority. [REDACTED] stated he believes the information furnished by [REDACTED] that he was contacted and given a proposition to kill Martin Luther King is false, but he is unable to determine what [REDACTED] is attempting to accomplish by furnishing such information. b7(c)

[REDACTED] parole officer [REDACTED] who has frequent contacts with [REDACTED] family, advised it was necessary for him to recently have [REDACTED] confined in the [REDACTED] because he was living with various women and is currently residing with a widow woman, [REDACTED]. He described [REDACTED] as highly unreliable and is considering having [REDACTED] committed to a state mental hospital because of his violations of parole rules and because of his emotional instability. [REDACTED] mentioned that [REDACTED] with whom [REDACTED] is supposed to reside, has reported that [REDACTED] came to her home one night and stated to her that he had just killed a man who had tried to attack a woman down the street. [REDACTED] went to the location where the man was supposed to be lying dead in the street and she determined that the information [REDACTED] had furnished to her was false. [REDACTED] described [REDACTED] as a "pathological liar." [REDACTED] stated that from his experience with, and knowledge of [REDACTED] he would place no b7(c)

credence whatsoever to the information furnished by [REDACTED] that he had been contacted by two former acquaintances who proposed that he kill Martin Luther King. [REDACTED] stated that if he does not have [REDACTED] committed to a mental hospital he plans to closely supervise [REDACTED] and check his activities about every other day. b7(c)

[REDACTED] is described as follows:

Name: [REDACTED]
Race: Negro
Sex: Male
Birth: [REDACTED]
Place of Birth: [REDACTED]
Height: 5'9"
Weight: 160
Build: Slender
Complexion: Light
Eyes: Brown
Hair: Black, cut flat top, medium length b7(c)
Teeth: [REDACTED]
Scars: [REDACTED]

Marital Status: Single
Occupation: [REDACTED]
Residence: [REDACTED]
Telephone: [REDACTED]

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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 4-8-64

FROM : D. C. Morrell

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SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

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COLUMBUS, GEORGIA

Captioned individual who cannot be identified in Bufiles wrote the Director a sarcastic letter concerning Martin Luther King and collections being made by King. Among other things he stated, "Is it anyway that I can find out if the people in Washington think that Martin Luther King is to quit this money raising even if Congress should give him the Capitol itself? When I say people, I mean people who have been working with Martin Luther King to set up his riots and street demonstrations, people who are in Washington, D. C., such as, Robert Kennedy."

In addition to the above, [REDACTED] continued, "The other question I would ask you? Is the FBI destined to become a gestapo agency in the United States of America to whip people's political, social and economic thinking into line with the political bosses in Washington, D. C.? Is it inevitable that this happens?"

RECOMMENDATION:

In view of the nature of correspondent's letter and inquiries, it should not be dignified with a reply.

Enclosure

1 - Mr. DeLoach - Enclosure

1 - Mr. Rosen - Enclosure

Attention Mr. W. L. Martindale Room 2262

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Columbus, Ga
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Mr. Tolson
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Mr. Callahan
Mr. Conrad
Mr. Felt
Mr. Gale
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Sullivan
Mr. Tavel
Mr. Trotter
Tele. Room
Miss Holmes
Miss Gandy

Mr. J Edgar Hoover,
FBI
Washington

Dear Sir:

Newspapers have reported that Martin Luther King, the apostle of peace and non-violence, raised over \$800,000.00 last year by his own admissions.

Is it anyway that I can find out if the people in Washington think that Martin Luther King is to quit this money raising even if Congress should give him the Capitol itself? When I say people, I mean people who have been working with Martin Luther King to set up his riots and street demonstrations, people who are in Washington, D. C., such as Robert Kennedy.

Now you have this fellow who is living on about a \$1,000 a year, tax free, which he collects in the name of "civil rights" and "peace".

Where is the man with little enough sense to believe he is going to give up his \$1,000,000 pot a year, along with the notoriety he gets in conjunction with his "peaceful and non-violent street demonstrations"?

Robert Kennedy can give Martin Luther and Malcolm X the very Supreme Court building but I gets you 2 the street riots and lawlessness by these "peace" will continue, probably at an ever increasing pace the hope that the "ante" goes from a \$1,000,000 million or \$3.

The other question I would ask you? Is the to become a gestapo agency in the United States to whip people's political, social and economic into line with the political bosses in Washington? Is it inevitable this happens?

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Sincerely yours,

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CORRESPONDENCE

REC'D DE LOACH

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April 16, 1964
GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

Details concerning alleged threat to shoot Martin Luther King being furnished to Atlanta, Georgia, Police Department and to Metropolitan Police Department by Washington Field Office in view of King's reported visit to Washington scheduled for 4/16 and 17/64.

Civil Rights Division of the Department being advised of attached information and it will be furnished in writing to Assistant Attorney General Burke Marshall. Secret Service being advised.

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM CINCINNATI (157-210) 3PM ^{MISSOURI}

MARTIN LUTHER KING, RACIAL MATTERS.

NEGRO,

ADVISED

SUPERVISOR OF PAROLE DAYTON, OHIO, TODAY, HE WAS CONTACTED
NINE THIRTY P.M., APRIL FOURTEEN, SIXTYFOUR, BY TWO FORMER
ARMY ACQUAINTANCES WHO OFFERED HIM TWENTYFIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS
TO KILL MARTIN LUTHER KING ON BELIEF THAT DEATH OF KING
WOULD DECREASE PASSIVE RESISTANCE AND CAUSE A GREATER
UNITY AMONG NEGROES AND A MORE MILITANT STAND TOWARDS INTEGRATION.
RECOGNIZED ONE CONTACT

IN KOREA,

OTHER CONTACT RECOGNIZED AS BEING FROM SAME

COMPANY, BUT DIFFERENT PLATOON, NAME NOT RECALLED.

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CONTACTS REPORTEDLY DRIVING NINETEEN SIXTYONE CHRYSLER NEW YORKER, FOUR-DOOR, BLACK, BEARING ILLINOIS LICENSE, AND EQUIPPED WITH HI FI AND TELEPHONE. CONTACTS ALLEGEDLY OFFERED [REDACTED] ASYLUM IN ANY SATELLITE COUNTRY. THEY GAVE NO DETAILS OF PLOT, BUT WOULD CONTACT [REDACTED] LATER. b7(c)

PAROLE SUPERVISOR STATES [REDACTED] FILE SHOWS HE WAS INCARCERATED AT HOSPITAL FOR FEDERAL PRISONERS, SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI, PRIMARILY FOR PSYCHIATRIC DIAGNOSIS AND THERAPY. AT ONE TIME HE WAS DIAGNOSED AS HAVING ACUTE PSYCHOTIC MENTAL DISORDER. [REDACTED] HAS FURNISHED FALSE INFORMATION ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS TO STATE PAROLE OFFICERS, HAS LITTLE OR NO REGARD FOR PAROLE RULES OR SUPERVISION, AND REBELS AGAINST AUTHORITY. PAROLE OFFICER BELIEVES INFORMATION FURNISHED FALSE, BUT UNABLE TO DETERMINE WHAT [REDACTED] ATTEMPTING TO ACCOMPLISH. [REDACTED] INTERVIEWED BY AGENTS AND STATED WOULD COOPERATE IF FBI WOULD GET STATE PAROLE OFFICER TO RELAX RESTRICTIONS TO PERMIT "MORE FREEDOM IN MOVEMENT"

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[REDACTED] BORN [REDACTED]
OHIO, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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IN VIEW OF MENTAL BACKGROUND, HIS PAROLE OFFICERS COMMENTS,
AND HIS PAROLE STATUS, [REDACTED] ADVISED TO TAKE NO ACTION IN
BEHALF OF FBI, BUT TO REPORT ANY FUTURE CONTACTS OR INFORMATION
NO FURTHER ACTION TAKEN, AND ^{LETTERHEAD MEMORANDUM} LHM WILL FOLLOW.

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~~PI L11 W9 SHD BE "TOWARDS"~~

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CC-MR. ROSEN

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

Mr. W. C. Sullivan *WC*

DATE: 4/16/64

FROM: Mr. F. J. Baumgardner *FJB*

1 - Mr. Belmont
 1 - Mr. DeLoach
 1 - Mr. Sullivan
 1 - Mr. Bland
 1 - Mr. Baumgardner
 1 - Mr. Ryan

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
 SECURITY MATTER - COMMUNIST

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This is an informative memorandum to advise of plans underway for Martin Luther King to appear on "Face the Nation," 5/10/64, which is a Columbia Broadcasting System (CBS) television show of national interest. The local outlet in Washington, D. C., is WTOP, Channel 9.

Highly sensitive sources of our Atlanta Office have advised of recent conversations indicating that King is to be featured on the 5/10/64 "Face the Nation" program. In one conversation on 4/13/64 between Marquis Childs, of CBS News and Wyatt Walker, an assistant of King, Walker told Childs that King would be able to appear on the program being arranged by Childs in Washington, D. C. Some of the information we have is that the date for King's appearance may be 5/8, 9 or 10/64. It is noted that while this program is usually "live" and is always screened on Sundays (5/10/64 is a Sunday) it sometimes is taped in advance and, therefore, King's appearance in Washington might be on any of the dates 5/8, 9 or 10/64.

Also on 4/10/64 Walker, in discussion with another official of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference which King heads, stated that King's appearance on "Face the Nation" would be in conjunction with "the planned movement in Washington." In still another discussion by Walker with another individual Walker was asked whether there was to be a "hunger strike" in Washington, D. C., around 5/9/64 and Walker stated that this was a close guess but was not quite correct. As you are aware, we have had prior information relative to a possible "fast" or "hunger strike" by King and the foregoing appears to indicate the indefiniteness of any such activity.

OBSERVATIONS:

Inasmuch as "Face the Nation" normally receives publicity, there would appear to be no necessity for disseminating the information concerning King's planned appearance on that program. We will continue to closely follow the matter relating to any possible "hunger strike" by King and keep you advised.

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Memorandum to Mr. W. C. Sullivan
RE: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
100-106670

RECOMMENDATION:

No action. For information.

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RE:

BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.
(U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)
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TO SAC, CINCINNATI
FROM DIRECTOR, FBI
MARTIN LUTHER KING, RACIAL MATTERS.
RE CI TEL THIS DATE.

DETAILS CONCERNING ALLEGED THREAT SHOULD BE
IMMEDIATELY FURNISHED TO ATLANTA DIVISION SO THAT ATLANTA MAY
ALERT ATLANTA POLICE DEPARTMENT. INFORMATION HAS BEEN
FURNISHED SEPARATELY TO WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE FOR PURPOSE
OF ALERTING METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT IN VIEW OF KING-S
SCHEDULED VISIT TO WASHINGTON, D. C. , APRIL SIXTEEN AND SEVENTEEN,
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-116)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-151548)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
NEGRO QUESTION
COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS
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Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are 6 copies of LHM dated and captioned as above and one copy is enclosed for Atlanta.

Source used in the LHM is [REDACTED] b(2) b(7)(D)

[REDACTED] b(1)

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This LHM has been classified "SECRET", because it contains information from [REDACTED] This source has furnished highly sensitive information with respect to the racial situation in the NY area and the Communist infiltration thereof, and it is felt that this classification is necessary in order not to jeopardize the valuable position of the informant in furnishing information of this nature. b(2) b7(D)

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New York, New York

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Communist Party, United States of America
Negro Question
Communist Influence in Racial Matters
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On April 24, 1964, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information which indicated that Clarence Jones contacted Carol Hoover (an official of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference) on that date at the Sheraton-Atlantic Hotel, 34th Street and Broadway, New York City. Carol mentioned that she has been in New York City since April 21, 1964, helping with the publication of Martin Luther King's forthcoming book. She mentioned that everything is going well with the book. She also mentioned that King will be in New York on June 8, 1964, the date of the book's publication, at which time King will hold a press conference on the contents of the book.

According to Carol, the publisher will handle the normal publicity attached to the book's promotion and that she and Al Duckett will handle the "special promotion". She said that it is planned to advertise the book through the "SCLC Newsletter" and that personal copies of the book will be sent by King to "selected Senators and Congressman such as Jacob Javits, Kenneth Keating (Senators from New York), etc." Jones stated that King's book is a powerful book and should receive all the publicity that it can possibly get.

Carol Hoover said she will be in New York again next week and at that time will make an appointment to meet with Jones. Jones agreed with this.

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Negro Question
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On April 24, 1964, the same confidential source furnished information which indicated that Clarence Jones contacted Joan Daves (the publisher's representative for Martin Luther King's forthcoming book) on that date. Daves stated that the book's publisher, Harper Brothers, Incorporated, has never agreed to any special publicity on the book and will not permit it to be used. Daves said that she wonders who is paying Al Duckett for his services.

Clarence Jones is the General Counsel for
The Gandhi Society For Human Rights, 15
East 40th Street, New York City.

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States House of Representatives, Washington, DC, contains the following concerning the UNAVA:
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"2. Cited as a Communist front 'formed to provoke racial friction'. (Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, p. 92.)"

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WASHINGTON
PIPELINE
By JOHN HENSHAW

★ ★ ★
Martin Luther King Jr. isn't happy about the detailed report that FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover has compiled about some of his past associations with communists. In order to limit the FBI's future role in civil rights investigations, King has launched a backstage campaign to get President Johnson to transfer the authority to U.S. Treasury Department law enforcement agencies and to specially established corps of U.S. marshals.
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-116)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-151548)

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Re NY teletype to Bureau, 4/23/64.

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This LHM has been classified "Secret", because it contains information from [REDACTED]. This source has furnished highly sensitive information with respect to the racial situation in the NY area and the Communist infiltration thereof, and it is felt that this classification is necessary in order not to jeopardize the valuable position of the informant in furnishing information of this nature.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

New York, New York
April 27, 1964

Bureau 100-3-116

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Re: Communist Party, United States of America
Negro Question
Communist Influence In Racial Matters
Internal Security - C

On April 23, 1964, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information which indicated that Clarence Jones was in contact with Martin Luther King, Jr. on that date. Jones indicated that he was concerned that everything was in order in the "statement". King said that the statement was completed and was being mimeographed. King informed Jones that the statement would be presented at a press conference which he is having at 1:10 PM on April 23, 1964, when he arrives in San Francisco. King said that the press was notified that it would be a prepared statement on "the Hoover statement".

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Jones remarked that he thought King's timing was wise in issuing the statement at this time. Jones also remarked that many people are questioning the workings of the civil rights movement in light of yesterday's activities (the civil rights demonstrations at the New York World's Fair) and also because of J. Edgar Hoover's recently published statement. Jones said that King's forthcoming statement is a good one, and he mentioned that "we" (Jones and Adele Kanter, an employee of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) office in New York) worked on it all last night. King informed Jones that he feels this is an excellent statement and will serve the purpose.

King mentioned that he will get Wyatt Walker (Executive Director of the SCLC) to make some copies of his statement available to "The New York Times." Jones said that this was an excellent idea, and he reminded King to save a copy of his statement for his records. King replied that he is sending a copy of it to Jones for record purposes.

King mentioned that he will be moving around quite a bit in the near future, but he mentioned that Los Angeles will be his headquarters.

Jones said he spoke to Adele Kanter and told her how to conduct herself in her relationship with Stanley (Levison). Jones stated he told her not to see Stanley at all except in the case of an extreme emergency. Jones also remarked that he told Kanter to call him if she felt it was necessary to talk to Stanley and that he (Jones) would make the final decision in regard to such a contact.

Jones indicated that everything is going well with Kanter and her work. King remarked that he is pleased with the way the mailing is going (The SCLC mailing program for contributions.).

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"The Newark Star - Ledger" of Friday, April 24, 1964, on page 9, contains an article captioned "SAYS FBI ABETS RACISTS"; the article was date lined San Francisco. According to this article, Martin Luther King yesterday accused J. Edgar Hoover of helping Southern racists and right wing extremists "smear" the civil rights movement with Communists charges.

It was reported that King was referring to testimony by Federal Bureau of Investigation Director J. Edgar Hoover before a United States House of Representative Appropriations Subcommittee that Communists are exercising influence in the civil rights movement and seeking to exploit its leaders.

According to the article, King said Communists may have drifted into the civil rights movement "here and there, but he said they do not make policy decisions." King stated that in his own group, the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) investigates any leaders about whom it hears of Communist charges, and King remarked that the resignation of one had been caused.

Continuing, King stated that Hoover "has allowed himself to aid and abet the fallacious claims of Southern racists and extreme right-wing element." King asked why this issue is now being used to smear the civil rights movement and the SCLC. King, according to the article, added that it is "difficult to accept the word of the FBI on Communist infiltration in the civil rights movement when it has been so completely ineffectual "in protecting the Negro from brutality in the South.

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The source also furnished information on April 22, 1964, that Jones and Adele Kanter were to meet on the evening of April 22, 1964. It is to be noted that Jones made the remark on April 23, 1964, that "we" worked on it (the statement) all last night.

Hunter Pitts O'Dell, who is also known as Jack O'Dell, was formerly employed as Administrator for the SCLC office in New York City, but his services were terminated after his Communist Party affiliations had received publicity.

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Stanley Levison was a secret member of the Communist Party, United States of America.

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of America - Negro Question
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Clarence Jones is the General Counsel for
the Gandhi Society For Human Rights, 15
East 40th Street, New York City.

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Executive Order 10450.

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(U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)
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To: SACs, Philadelphia (100-33143) (PERSONAL ATTENTION)
Atlanta (100-8520) (PERSONAL ATTENTION)

From: Director, FBI (100-3-116)

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
NEGRO QUESTION
COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Re Philadelphia airtel to Bureau and Atlanta 4-8-64
concerning an appearance of Martin Luther King, Jr., 4-15-64,
at the Cheltenham Adult School in Pennsylvania.

On 4-7-64 [REDACTED] b7(c)
[REDACTED] Cheltenham Township Police Department, advised an
Agent of the Philadelphia Office that Robert Weil and Harry
Cole, members of the Board of Directors of the Cheltenham
Adult School, were then in [REDACTED] office relative to
King's appearance 4-15-64. They told [REDACTED] that they had
been instructed by King's secretary that they were to advise
the FBI regarding his speaking engagement and, therefore, were
calling on [REDACTED] for this purpose.

This is the first information ever received by the
Bureau alleging that King or anyone on his behalf was to advise
the FBI concerning King's speaking engagements. Noting that
the information has passed through several hands, there is a
possibility that the information has been misunderstood or
otherwise garbled.

Atlanta is instructed to advise the Bureau and
Philadelphia by return airtel whether or not it has ever received
any similar report relating either to the 4-15-64 engagement
of King or any of his other engagements. Checks should be made
with sources usually furnishing information concerning King's

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Airtel to Philadelphia and Atlanta
RE: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
NEGRO QUESTION
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activities as well as the Bureau personnel servicing these sources. Also, should any similar information ever in the future come to Atlanta's attention, it should be immediately brought to the Bureau's attention.

SAC, Philadelphia, is instructed to immediately have an SA personally recontact [redacted] and determine full specifics of the contact had with him by Weil and Cole. One of the matters to be explored is whether or not advice from King's secretary to them was in writing or otherwise. If it was in writing, did [redacted] see the correspondence? If so, what did it specifically say? Was any reason given as to why the FBI was to be advised? Was there any specific indication that there might be some disturbance in connection with King's appearance, thus necessitating advising the FBI in advance? b7(c)

For the information of Philadelphia, Bureau interest in King is being handled in an extremely discreet and circumspect manner. All inquiries are made only through established and reliable sources and no action must be taken which could possibly result in embarrassment to the Bureau. In making the contact with [redacted] who is a graduate of the National Academy, it should be insured that he in turn will not alert Weil or Cole or any other individuals concerning the Bureau inquiry.

In Philadelphia's reply, which should be by return airtel, include results of an indices check on Weil and Cole and any comments which may be discreetly elicited from [redacted] as to the reliability and status in the community of Weil and Cole.

No action should be taken by Philadelphia relative to affording coverage of King's activities including his speech. For Philadelphia's further information, there have been instances in the past when King has been afforded police protection and/or escort in connection with his public appearances and there have been some instances when anonymous telephone threats have been made relating to King.

Both receiving offices should afford this matter most expeditious attention.

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Date: 4/9/64

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Savannah file (100-5077)

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
RACIAL MATTERS
Bureau file (100-548795)
Savannah file (100-5027)

Re Savannah airtel to Bureau, 3/18/64, and
Bureau Routing Slip dated 3/23/64.

Enclosed for the Bureau are original and seven
copies and for Atlanta and New York Offices two copies each
of letterhead memorandum suitable for dissemination concerning
captioned matter.

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 - 2- New York (100-151548) (Encs. 2) (RM)
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[REDACTED] Savannah Municipal Airport, Savannah, Georgia,
advised that six Negro males arrived in Savannah on Delta
Air Lines at 1:02 PM on March 12, 1964.

Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., and Reverend Lee, [REDACTED]
ministers, (first name unknown) Walker and (first name
unknown) Shuttlesworth made reservations to leave on
flight 634 to Atlanta, Georgia, at 4:00 PM on March 13,
1964. Ohio

Shuttlesworth was also on the waiting list for
Flight 888 from Atlanta to Cincinnati and had confirmed
reservations on Flight 418 out of Atlanta to Cincinnati.
(First name unknown) Abernathy had a reservation out of
Savannah on Flight 350 to Atlanta, leaving at 9:10 AM on
March 13, 1964. (First name unknown) Lawson made a reserva-
tion out of Savannah on Delta Flight 430 to Atlanta, leaving
Savannah at 8:18 AM, March 14, 1964, and continuing on to
Memphis on Eastern Air Lines Flight 902, leaving Atlanta
at 11:25 AM, March 14, 1964.

Martin Luther King, Jr., and his party were observed
to leave the Savannah Municipal Airport in a 1963 Ford
two-door Galaxie, maroon in color, bearing 1963 Georgia
license 1J60574, and a Volkswagen bus, bearing 1964 South
Carolina license B8772

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NEGRO QUESTION,
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SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

The above 1963 Ford and Volkswagen were observed on the grounds of the Penn Community Center, Frogmore, South Carolina, on March 12, 1964.

The "Savannah Evening Press", a daily newspaper published in Savannah, Georgia, reported on March 14, 1964, that Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., met with key affiliate leaders of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) from 12 southern states at Frogmore, South Carolina. The first national affiliate conference held workshops on key issues concerning the use of nonviolent direct action during 1964. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., spoke and personally held a workshop concerning the necessity "to resist the degrading evils of segregation, but resist nonviolently".

The conference agenda dealt with the dynamics of a direct action campaign, the theory and philosophy of nonviolence, voter registration and economic withdrawals.

[REDACTED], advised that Martin Luther King and party were late for Flight 634 out of Savannah at 4:00 PM on March 13, 1964, and the standby passengers had already been seated. The entire party then made new reservations out of Savannah. b7(D)

7-875 { Reverend King, Reverend Lee, Shuttlesworth, Abernathy, Walker, (first name unknown) Davis and a Miss (first name unknown) Mason all made reservations out of Savannah on Flight 448, leaving Savannah at 7:50 PM and arriving in Atlanta, Ga., at 9:20 PM. Reverend King and Reverend Lee also made reservations out of Atlanta on United Air Lines Flight 350, leaving Atlanta at 2:45 AM, March 14, 1964, and arriving in New York City at 4:35 AM the same date.

Davis and Miss Mason made reservations out of Atlanta on Delta Flight 883 to Dallas, Texas, leaving Atlanta at 8:45 AM, March 14, 1964, and arriving at Dallas at 9:40 AM.

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4/8/64

AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-116)

FROM: SAC, PHILADELPHIA (100-33143)

RE: CP, USA
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Re Atlanta airtel 4/1/64 bearing two titles, "CP, USA NEGRO QUESTION, COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS, IS - C" and "RACIAL SITUATION, WASHINGTON, D. C., RACIAL MATTERS," which enclosed an LHM bearing on certain plans of MARTIN LUTHER KING. Page 1, paragraph 1 of the LHM reflected that KING planned to speak April 15, 1964 at the Sheltonham School.

[REDACTED] b7(c)
Cheltenham Township PD, advised SA [REDACTED] that ROBERT WEIL and HARRY COLE, two members of the Board of Directors of the Cheltenham Adult School were then in his office. They had made arrangements for MARTIN LUTHER KING to speak at the Cheltenham High School Adult School Forum on Wednesday, 4/15/64 at 8:15 P.M. The Forum is sponsored by the Cheltenham Adult School. They had been instructed by Dr. KING's secretary that they were to advise the FBI regarding his speaking engagement, and accordingly had called on the Chief of Police for this purpose.

This information has not been submitted in LHM form since it adds nothing material to Atlanta's LHM of 4/1. The

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 - 1 - 100-106670 (Martin Luther King)
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significance of the instruction by KING's secretary that the FBI was to be advised is not known at this office. Atlanta or the Bureau may be aware that KING customarily desires notification to the FBI in the event a disturbance should occur. If it is desired that Philadelphia afford this speech coverage beyond public sources, please advise. At this point we have no indication that any disturbance is planned.

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(U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-116)
FROM: SAC, PHILADELPHIA (100-47106)
SUBJECT: CPUSA
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Re Atlanta airtel 4/1/64; airtel from Director to
SACs Atlanta and Philadelphia 4/6/64; Philadelphia airtel to
Director and SAC Atlanta 4/8/64.

Since lead set forth in Bureau airtel was covered
in Philadelphia airtel of 4/8/64, no further action being
taken.

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- 4 - Bureau (RM) (100-3-116)
 - 1 - 100-106670 (MARTIN LUTHER KING)
- 2 - Atlanta (RM)
 - 1 - 100-6520-A (CP NEGRO QUESTION)
 - 1 - 100-5586 (MARTIN LUTHER KING)
- 2 - Philadelphia
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 - 1 - 100-46230 (MARTIN LUTHER KING)

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Memorandum

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan *WCS*

DATE: 4/3/64

FROM : Mr. D. J. Brennan, Jr. *DJB*SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
SECURITY MATTER - C
(Bufile: 100-106670)COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
NEGRO QUESTION
COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
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Holmes _____
Gandy _____

b7(c) [redacted] Bureau of Intelligence and Research, Department of State, advised Liaison Agent [redacted] that Thomas Hughes, the Director of the Bureau of Intelligence and Research, had a talk with the Director on Friday night 3/20/64 and the Director mentioned that Martin Luther King, Jr., was under communist discipline and that the Bureau had many reports on King. [redacted] said that Mr. Hughes has asked if the Bureau can furnish him with the pertinent reports on King so that he will have a better understanding of this individual and particularly of the communist influence exerted over him.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Liaison representative deliver the attached copy of "Top Secret" document captioned "Communism and the Negro Movement -- A Current Analysis" to Mr. Hughes at the Department of State. Mr. Hughes will be permitted to read the document; thereafter, the Liaison representative will return it to the Bureau. We will not permit Hughes to retain this document as it is the same one which we gave selective high level and limited dissemination in October, 1963, and then had all copies turned back to the Bureau.

Enclosure *808RPB*

1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Baumgardner

1 - Liaison
1 - Mr. Bartlett

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Memorandum

TO : Mr. Evans *EV*

DATE: 3-29-64

FROM : W. V. Cleveland *WVC*

SUBJECT: [REDACTED] *McK...*
[REDACTED] *fin*
INFORMATION CONCERNING

By referral from the Director's Office, SA [REDACTED] weekend duty Agent in the Special Investigative Division, spoke with [REDACTED] Wisconsin, at 11:12 a.m., 3-29-64. [REDACTED] described himself as being [REDACTED] business [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] said he had in his possession a copy of a news article from the "Augusta Courier" Augusta, Georgia, dated 7-8-63 which contained a photograph described as having been taken at the Highlander Folk School, Monteagle, Tennessee, in 1957. According to [REDACTED] Martin Luther King and one Karl Prussian are included in the photograph. The article points out that that school was subversive and was closed by the State of Tennessee.

[REDACTED] said he had contacted the "Augusta Courier" and was advised that Edward Friend, Atlanta, Georgia, had taken the photograph in 1957 and that it was authentic and that he had a telegram from former Governor Marvin Griffin of Georgia further authenticating the article.

[REDACTED] was calling the FBI, he said, for additional corroboration and was incensed that King should be a leader in the integration movement in this country. He said he had been advised by the "Augusta Courier" that Karl Prussian, who was in the photograph, had been a "counter-spy" for the FBI for 22 years. [REDACTED] was understanding when advised of the confidential nature of information contained in Bureau files and no information was furnished to him. He added that he had contacted an Agent in the Appleton, Wisconsin Resident Agency and had received the same answer. As an American citizen he said he was attempting to determine the veracity of the article and if true, to attempt to make it publicly known.

- 1 - Miss Gandy
- 1 - Miss Holmes
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan

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Memorandum to Mr. Evans
Re: A.P. Nonweiler

Our files reveal one reference to [REDACTED] when he was interviewed in 1948 in [REDACTED] concerning the [REDACTED] b7(c). He was cooperative. Concerning Prussian, our files reveal numerous references. He was a security informant for us from 1949 to 1958 when he was discontinued and any opinions and comments which he has made since then have been on his own. He has, during the past several years, been making speeches and has identified himself as a former FBI informant. He has made numerous allegations concerning King.

The photograph referred to above obviously refers to photographs appearing in the newspaper published by the Georgia Commission on Education in 1957 concerning the Highlander Folk School, which charges that the school is a communist training school. The newspaper sets out the alleged communist allegations of individuals connected with the school and includes photographs showing King addressing individuals participating in the school. These photographs were taken in September, 1957, by a photographer sent to the school by former Governor Marvin Griffin of Georgia. The school was exposed by the State of Georgia "so that the people of Georgia will know where some of the South's racial troubles originate" The Georgia Commission on Education report has been furnished to the Bureau on numerous occasions in the past. The Bureau is not conducting an investigation of the Highlander Folk School but has in the past conducted inquiries to determine the extent of any communist infiltration, domination and/or control. The school ceased operation at Mounteagle, Tennessee, and currently centers its operations in Knoxville, Tennessee.

No identifiable data was located in Bureau files concerning Edward Friend.

ACTION:

None. For information. ✓

FBI

Date: 3/28/64

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Belmont	✓
Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. Casper	✓
Mr. Callahan	✓
Mr. Conrad	✓
Mr. DeLoach	✓
Mr. Evans	✓
Mr. Gale	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Sullivan	✓
Mr. Tavel	✓
Mr. Trotter	✓
Tele. Room	✓
Miss Holmes	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, MILWAUKEE (66-0)
SUBJECT: [REDACTED] b7(c)
INFORMATION CONCERNING
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[REDACTED] Wisconsin, [REDACTED] called the RA Appleton, Wisconsin 3/27/64 and stated that he heard on a local radio news program that Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING had announced that he would give the Congress of the United States until May 1, 1964 to make a decision about the pending Civil Rights legislation and that if the decision was not made by May 1, 1964 he would order demonstrations throughout the Country. b7(c)

[REDACTED] stated that he is a loyal American citizen and taxpayer and he does not believe any man should be able to tell the Congress of the United States that they have until May 1, 1964 to act before he gives orders to cause demonstrations throughout the Country.

[REDACTED] stated he has received a letter from "Armed Forces Roll Call", Editor SETH H. THORNTON, P.O. Box 184, Mount Rainier, Maryland which, according to [REDACTED] was sent to known patriotic citizens throughout the U.S. [REDACTED] stated this letter carries a re-print of an article which appeared in the "Augusta Courier", Augusta, Georgia, July 8, 1963 which brands Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING a Communist.

[REDACTED] stated a photograph of KING accompanied the article which shows KING with MYLES HORTON, Director of

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Communist Training, Highlander Folk School, Mount Eagle, Tenn. The photograph was said to have been made in 1957 and also included other men in the photograph and he specifically named KARL PRUSSIAN, who was described as an FBI counterspy for 22 years. PRUSSIAN was quoted in the article as stating that KING belongs to 60 Communist Front Groups.

[redacted] stated this was shocking information and he telephoned the "Augusta Courier" and talked to [redacted] who is employed [redacted] by the newspaper and that she assured him the article was accurate and furnished the name of the photographer who took the photograph of KING with HORTON as EDWIN FRIEND, 4883 Jett Road, Atlanta or Decatur, Georgia.

stated that if Reverend KING is a Communist the FBI would know this and he believed the American people should know whether or not KING is a Communist. He asked whether or not Reverend KING is a known Communist and he was told that all information in the files of the FBI is confidential by Departmental Order and we would have no authority to release such information. He was also told that this does not mean the FBI has such information but only that no information can be released from the files of the FBI.

██████████ stated he understood this but that he felt very strongly about this and he thought that someone in an administrative position might be able to release this information and he was considering calling the Director but might call his Congressman or Senator.

Wisconsin and a review of the indices of the Milwaukee Office revealed the following:

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[REDACTED]
interviewed at his request at which time he furnished
information in a Milwaukee case captioned, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] When furnishing information with respect to
this case he requested that his name not be used as the
source of information to the allegation. Milwaukee Office
indices contain no further identifiable information as to
[REDACTED]

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This information is being furnished in the event [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] makes contact with the Bureau.

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Date: 4/3/64

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-116)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-151548)

SUBJECT: CPUSA
NEGRO QUESTION
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Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are seven copies of a LHM dated 4/3/64, and two copies are enclosed for Atlanta.

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 - (1 - 100-5586)(MARTIN LUTHER KING)
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- 1 - New York (100-111180)(STANLEY LEVISON)(414)
- 1 - New York (100-73250)(CLARENCE JONES)(414)
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This LHM has been classified "Secret" because it contains information from [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. These sources have furnished highly sensitive information with respect to the racial situation in the New York area and Communist infiltration thereof, and it is felt that this classification is necessary in order not to jeopardize the valuable positions of the informants in furnishing information of this nature. (S)

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On April 1, 1964, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information which indicated that STANLEY LEVISON contacted Adele Kanter (an employee of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) office in New York) on that date. She stated that she had received a bill from the printer (for the SCLC mailing program) for approximately \$3000.00 and that \$1224.00 of the bill has been on the books since November. She said that the printer is getting anxious for payment. Levison told her to make this known to the SCLC in Atlanta when she calls.

Adele Kanter stated that approximately \$1000.00 had been received as a result of her mailing (SCLC mailing program for contributions), and Levison indicated that he was pleased with this. Levison said his guess is that when all of the contributions are in, they (the SCLC) will get about \$25,000.00.

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES
AND FIELD OFFICES
ADVISED BY ROUTING
SLIP (S) OF [redacted]
DATE 9/10/82 BY [redacted]

[redacted] b(1)
Stanley Levison was a secret member of
the Communist Party (CP), USA.

On April 2, 1964, a second confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information that Ann Jones told her husband, Clarence Jones, on that date, that she had confirmed the use of the Fieldston School (Fieldston Schools, Manhattan College Parkway and Fieldston Road, Bronx, New York).

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With respect to the foregoing information,
it is to be noted that Ann Jones has
been attempting to locate a suitable
place to hold a civil rights gathering
on April 17, 1964, at which Martin
Luther King will appear.

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Clarence Jones is the General Counsel
for Gandhi Society For Human Rights,
15 East 40th Street, New York City.

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